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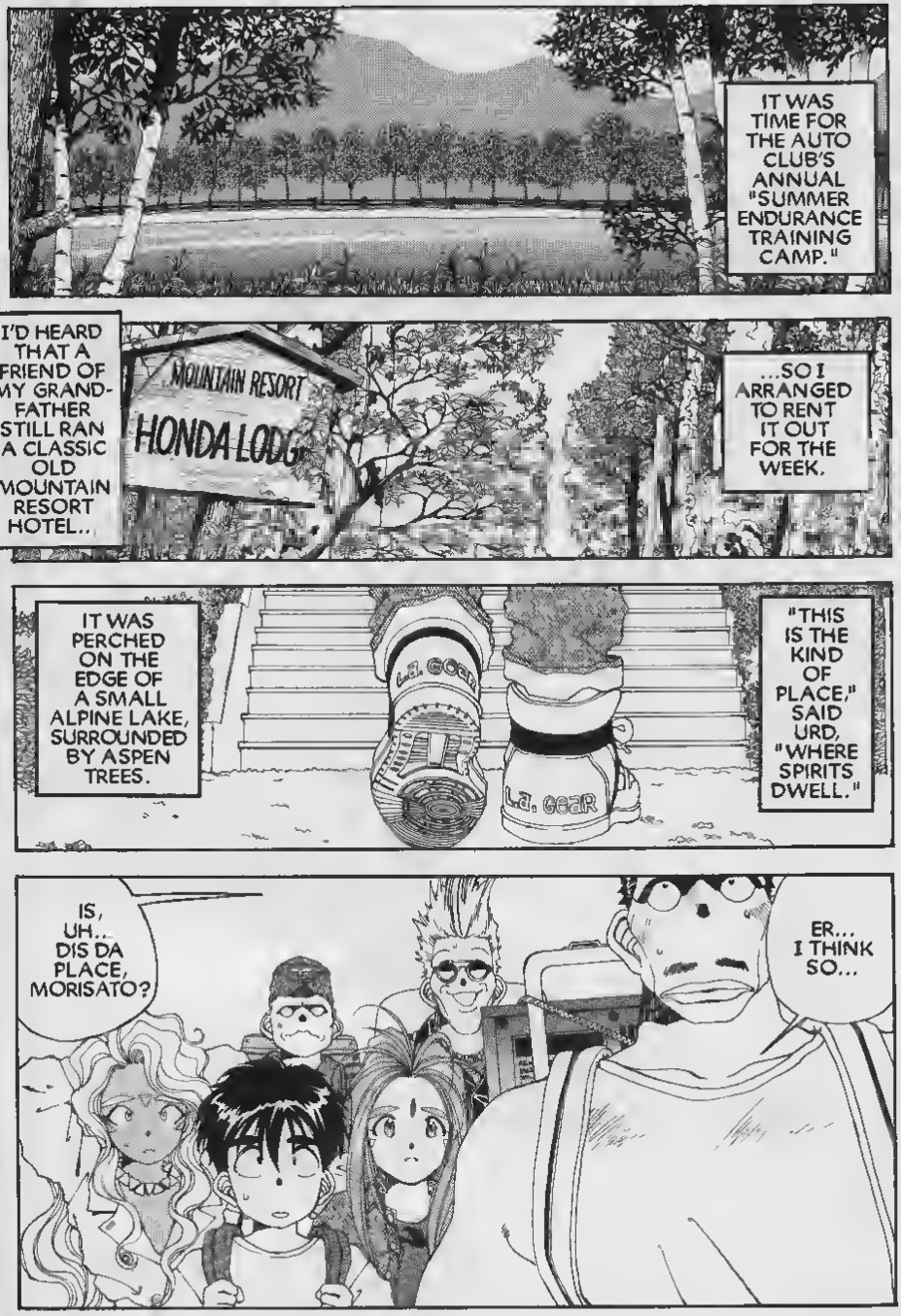
IT WAS TIME FOR THE AUTO CLUB'S ANNUAL "SUMMER ENDURANCE TRAINING CAMP."
I'D HEARD THAT A FRIEND OF MY GRAND-FATHER STILL RAN A CLASSIC OLD MOUNTAIN RESORT HOTEL..
MOUNTAIN RESORT
HONDA LODGE
...SO I ARRANGED TO RENT IT OUT FOR THE WEEK.
IT WAS PERCHED ON THE EDGE OF A SMALL ALPINE LAKE, SURROUNDED BY ASPEN TREES.
La. Gear
La. Gear
"THIS IS THE KIND OF PLACE," SAID URD, "WHERE SPIRITS DWELL."
IS, UH.. DIS DA PLACE, MORISATO?
ER... I THINK SO...

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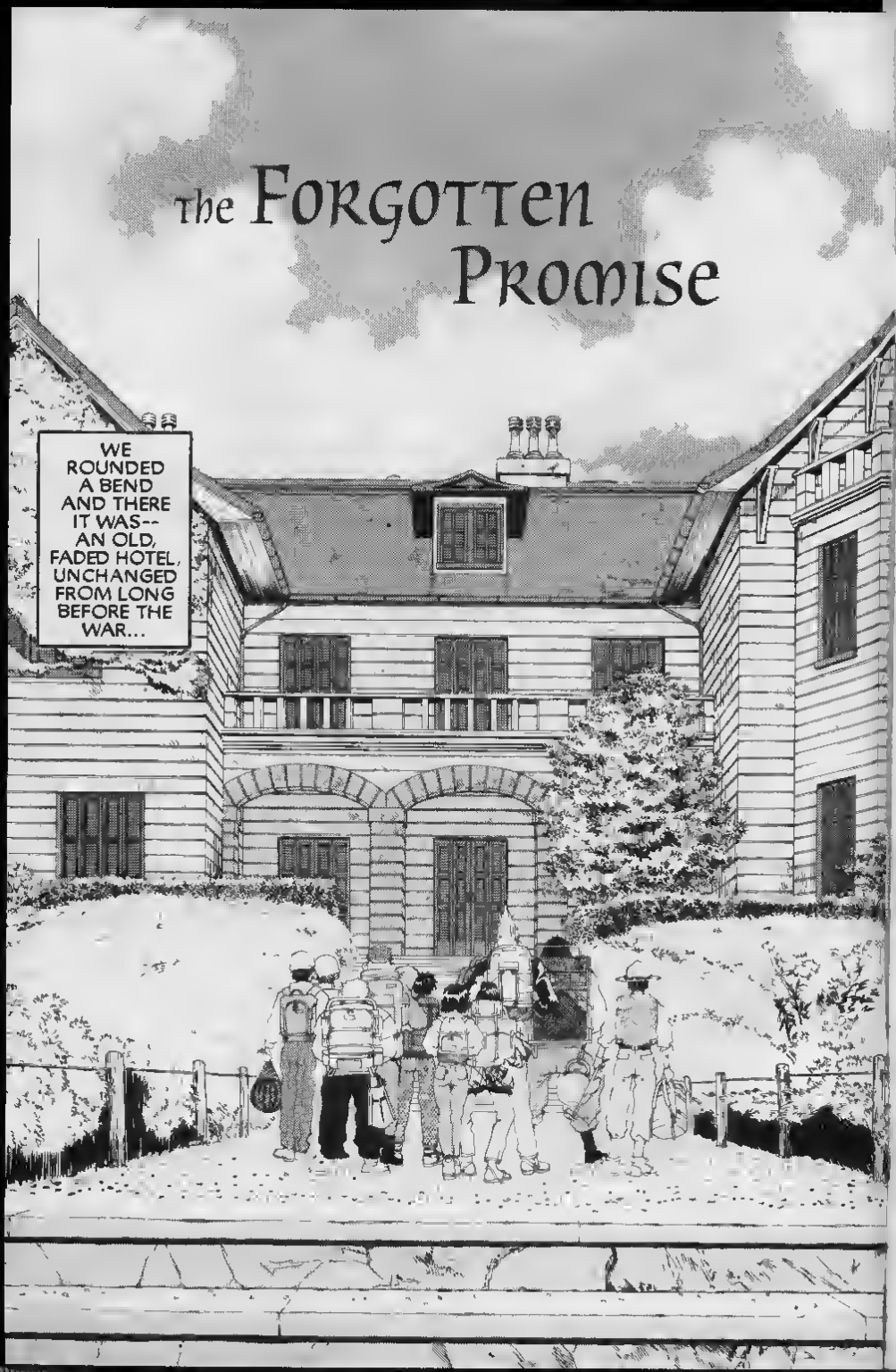
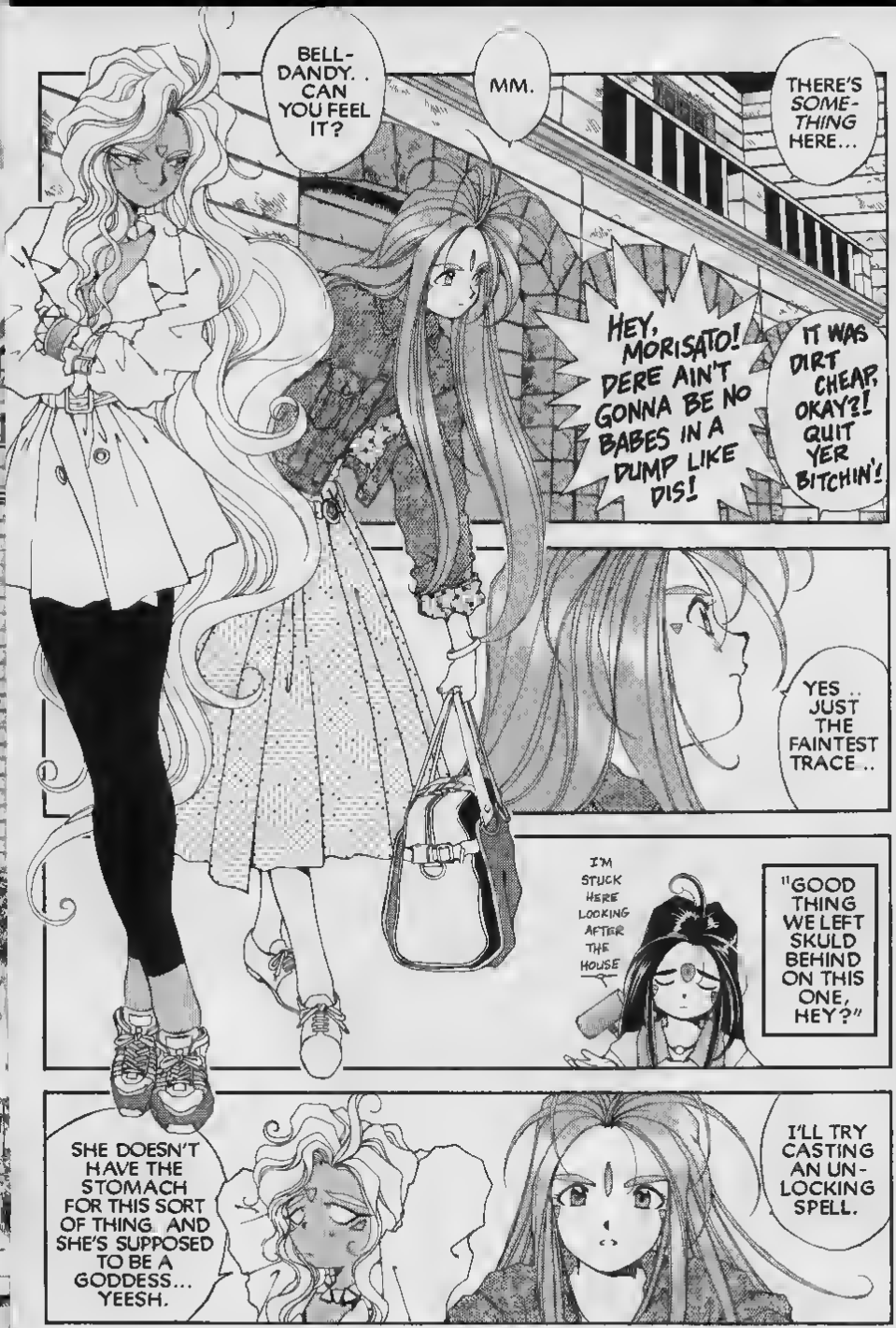



BELL-DANDY. . CAN YOU FEEL IT?
MM.
THERE'S SOME-THING HERE...
HEY, MORISATO! DERE AIN'T GONNA BE NO BABES IN A DUMP LIKE DIS!
IT WAS DIRT CHEAP, OKAY?! QUIT YER BITCHIN'!
YES .. JUST THE FAINTEST TRACE..
I'M STUCK HERE LOOKING AFTER THE HOUSE
"GOOD THING WE LEFT SKULD BEHIND ON THIS ONE, HEY?"
SHE DOESN'T HAVE THE STOMACH FOR THIS SORT OF THING. AND SHE'S SUPPOSED TO BE A GODDESS... YEESH.
I'LL TRY CASTING AN UN-LOCKING SPELL.

KCHAK
IT'S ALREADY OPEN...?
SKREEEEEEK
HAH! IF YOU'RE A DEMON, URD'S SPECIAL EXORCISM PROGRAM WILL--
ULP
--BLOW YOU AWAY!
FFST

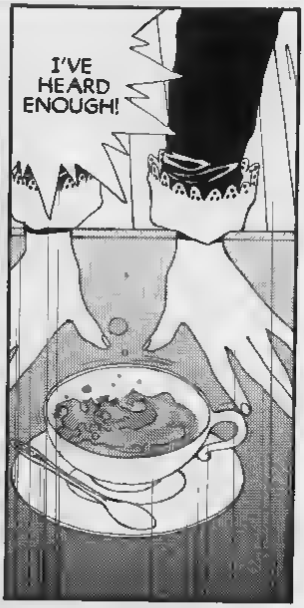
GOOD AFTERNOON!
AND WELCOME TO THE HONDA LODGE!
I'M THE TEMPORARY HOUSE-KEEPER, CHIEKO HONDA... PLEASED TO MEET YOU!
ER...
PLEASED TO MEET YOU, TOO.
ACK?

MORISATO, OL' BUD! YUH LINED UP SUM CHICKS FER US AFTER ALL!
UH, YEAH, SURE.
BUT THEY TOLD ME THE PLACE WOULD BE EMPTY!
SO WHO IS SHE?
?!
AH!
I KNEW IT!
I *KNEW* YOU'D FINALLY REMEMBER YOUR PROMISE!
I'M *SO HAPPY!*

MORISATO, YOU SCUM PUPPY!
I... AH... ER?
ALWAYS KEEPIN' DA GOOD STUFF FER YERSELF!
OWW! BUT I DIDN'T-- YEOW!
REALLY .. ?
YOU REALLY DON'T REMEMBER YOUR PROMISE?

UM... IT'S NOT LIKE I'VE FORGOTTEN. THAT'S NOT THE CASE AT ALL.
OW!
AND YOU'VE EVEN F-FORGOTTEN ME?

UM... I HATE TO TELL YOU THIS, BUT... I'VE NEVER EVEN HEARD OF YOU BEFORE.
OW! WATCH IT BELLPANDY-- THAT STUFF STINGS!
OH! I'M SORRY, DEAR.


I'VE HEARD ENOUGH!

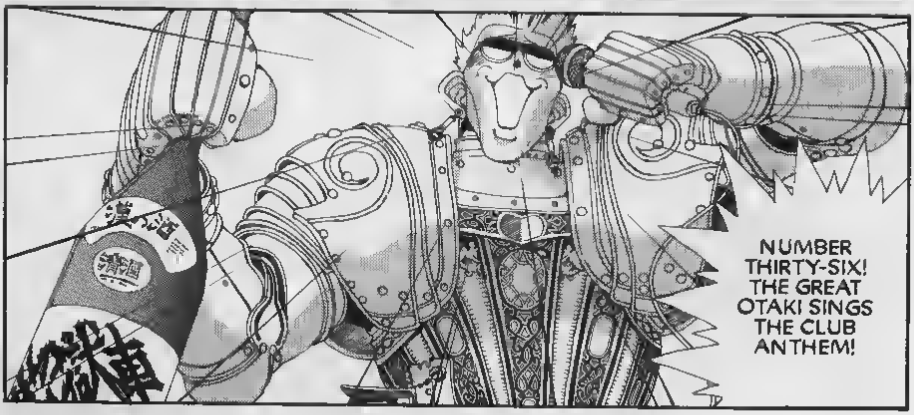
WELL, WELL-- AREN'T YOU SOMETHING, LOVER BOY! I NEVER DREAMED YOU HAD IT IN YOU TO KEEP TWO BABES ON A STRING.
WHO, ME? BUT--

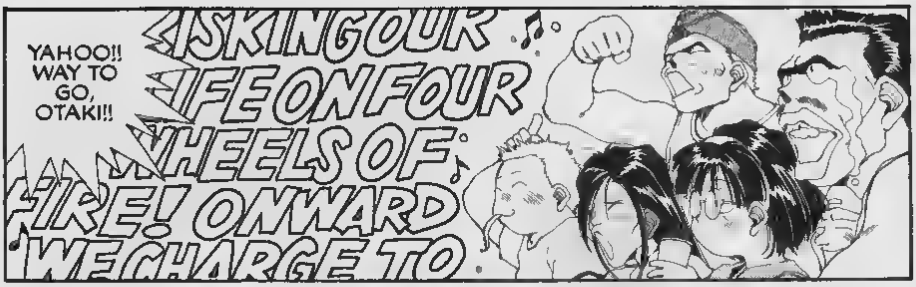
I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE, OR WHY YOU'RE WITH HIM!
BUT HE MADE HIS PROMISE TO ME *AGES* BEFORE YOU CAME ALONG!
August 12, 1930. At the Honda Resort with Hotaru-no-Suke
SO YOU BETTER JUST KEEP YOUR HANDS OFF *MY* HOTARU-NO-SUKE!
HO- *HOTARU-NO-SUKE* ...?
THAT... THAT WAS MY *GRAND-FATHER'S* NAME!
WOW... MY DAD ALWAYS SAID I LOOKED LIKE HIM WHEN HE WAS YOUNG, BUT...
SORRY, KID... YOUR GRAND-FATHER'S *WAY* MORE HAND-SOME.
AW, SHUDDAP, URD!

WAIT A SEC...
THIS PICTURE'S FROM 1930?!

I THOUGHT SO.
NOW IT ALL MAKES SENSE.

THEN CHIEKO'S MORE THAN SIXTY YEARS OLD!
NOT BAD FOR AN OLD LADY, AM I?


NUMBER THIRTY-SIX! THE GREAT OTAKI SINGS THE CLUB ANTHEM!



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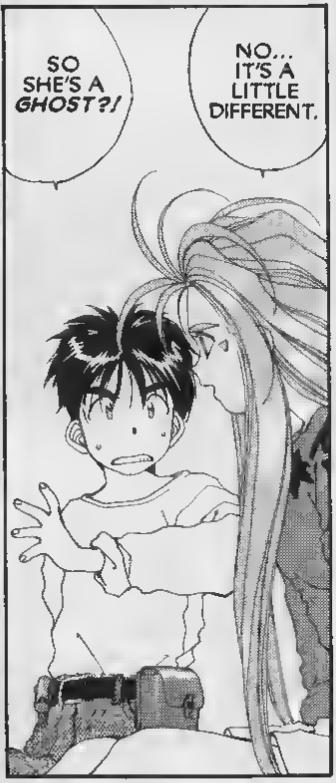


"A GHOST IS JUST THE LINGERING WILL ITSELF, PROJECTED INTO OUR PSYCHES.
"BUT A SHINNENTAI MANIFESTS AS AN ACTUAL PHYSICAL PRESENCE."
THAT'S WHY YOU SEE ME IN THE MIRROR!
BUT...
...
HA! FOUND YOU!
!!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT HERE?
EVERY-ONE'S BEEN ASKING FOR YOU!
ER, I...
NYA!
AW, HEY!
I'VE NEVER HEARD OF A SHINNENTAI PRESERVING ITS FORM FOR SO MANY YEARS.

WHAT CAN BE KEEPING HER BOUND TO THIS WORLD?
GO URD GO!
CALL ME QUEEN!!
WORSHIP ME AND LICK MY BOOTS!
I'LL DO IT! ME FIRST! ME ME ME!!
URD, HAVE YOU SEEN KEIICHI?!
NOPE. HE NEVER CAME IN HERE...

HEH-HEH... NOW YOU WILL REMEMBER
RIGHT? YOU MADE A PROMISE YOU DID.
THERE IN THE CELLAR... JUST ME AND YOU...
YES... IN THE... CELLAR...
I... PRO-MISED...
NOW, QUICKLY! MAKE YOUR ETERNAL PLEDGE TO ME..

BAM BAM
AH?!
KEIICHI! I KNOW YOU'RE IN THERE!!
GET YOUR BUTT OUT HERE NOW!
HEH HEH ...
YOU'RE TOO LATE! THOSE DOORS SHALL NEVER OPEN AGAIN!
NOW... KEEP YOUR PROMISE...
GRR! SHE'S PLANNING TO POSSESS KEIICHI, I BET!
NO! SHE WOULDN'T!

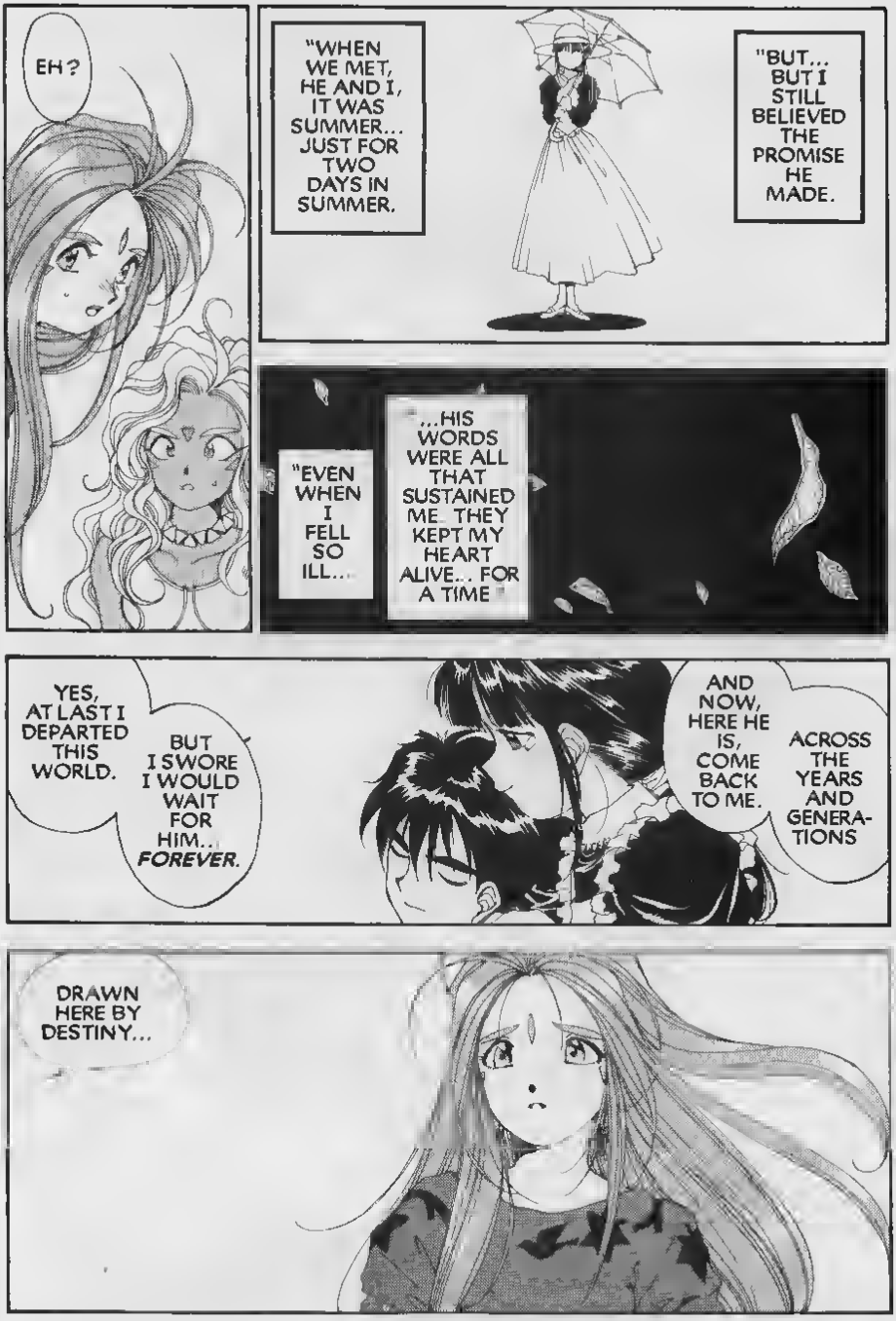
SOMETIMES YOU'RE SO DAMN NAIVE!
A SHINNENTAI EXISTS ONLY TO ATTAIN ITS DESIRE!
SHE'LL DO ANYTHING TO STEAL KEIICHI AWAY!
RRG! MY UNLOCKING SPELLS AREN'T WORKING!
CHAK CHAK
WE GOT NO CHOICE! CHARGE!
HEH, HEH
VREEE
VREEE
VREEEEEE!!

SSHH
EEK!
GHOSTS!!
HAH!! LOOK WHO'S TALKING!
MY EXORCISM PROGRAM'S GONNA SEND YOU BACK WHERE YOU BELONG, GIRL!

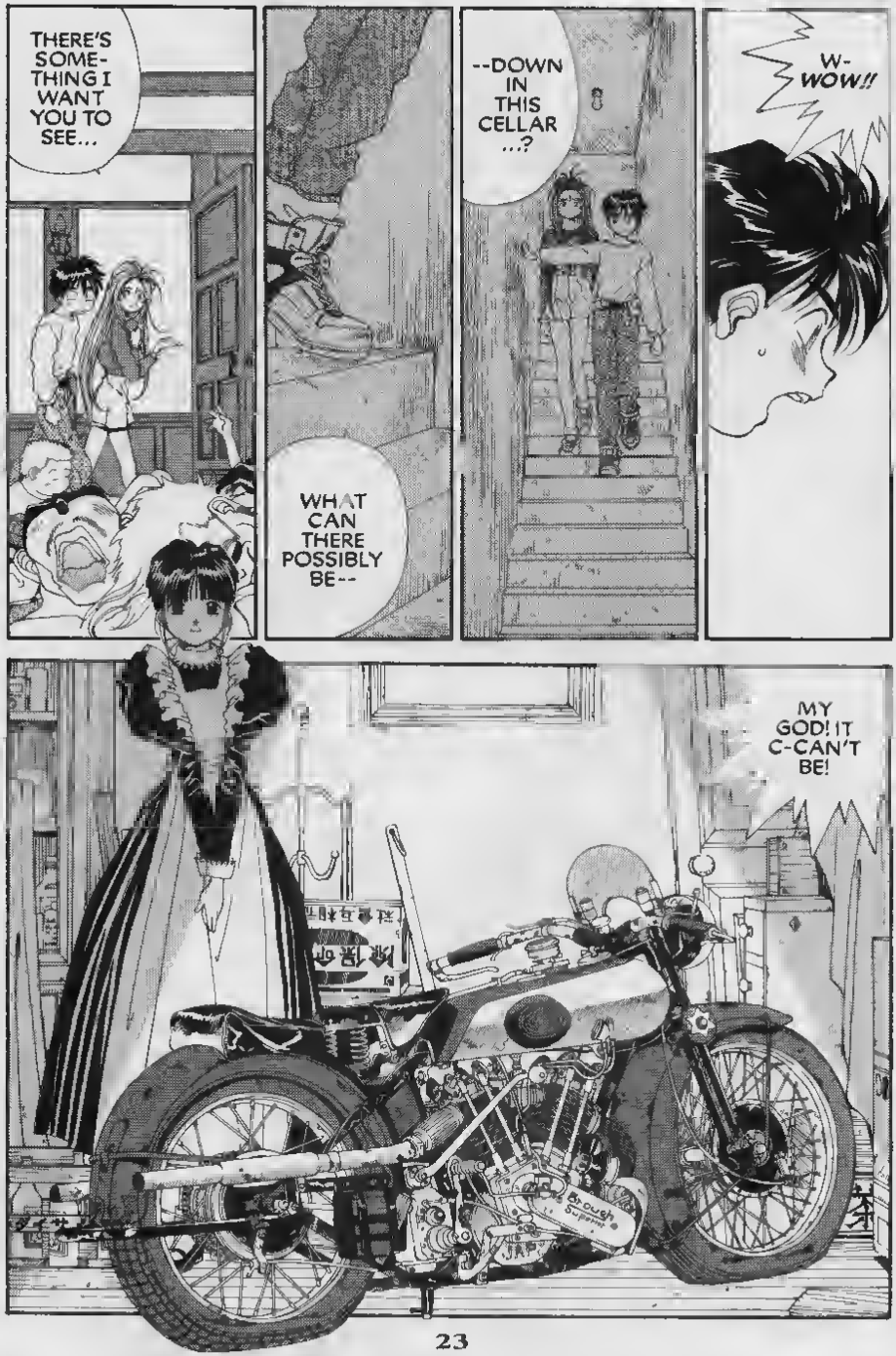
EEK!
WHSH
FZZK
HUH?! IT DIDN'T WORK!

SHE'S A *SHINNENTAI*, NOT A DEMON, URD! YOUR EXORCISM PROGRAM'S *USELESS!*
NOW THEN, MY LOVE... FULFILL MY HEART'S DESIRE!
UNTIL THEN I SHALL *NEVER* LET YOU GO!
STOP! DON'T YOU UNDER-STAND? THAT BOY'S *NOT* YOUR HOTARU-NO-SUKE!
HE'S...
HE'S ...

HE'S MY KEIICHI!!
KSJH
...
...
THAT DOESN'T MATTER.
THAT'S NOT THE PROBLEM ...


EH?
"WHEN WE MET, HE AND I, IT WAS SUMMER... JUST FOR TWO DAYS IN SUMMER.
"BUT... BUT I STILL BELIEVED THE PROMISE HE MADE.
"EVEN WHEN I FELL SO ILL...
...HIS WORDS WERE ALL THAT SUSTAINED ME. THEY KEPT MY HEART ALIVE... FOR A TIME
YES, AT LAST I DEPARTED THIS WORLD.
BUT I SWORE I WOULD WAIT FOR HIM... FOREVER.
AND NOW, HERE HE IS, COME BACK TO ME.
ACROSS THE YEARS AND GENERA-TIONS
DRAWN HERE BY DESTINY...

JUST TELL US ONE THING, DEAR.
WHAT EXACTLY *WAS* THIS PROMISE?
UHH... HUH?
?
?
WHAT TH-?
WHY AM I IN BED?
GOOD MORNING, KEIICHI!


THERE'S SOME-THING I WANT YOU TO SEE...
WHAT CAN THERE POSSIBLY BE--
--DOWN IN THIS CELLAR ...?
W-WOW!!
MY GOD! IT C-CAN'T BE!

BROUGH SUPERIOR A British motorcycle made famous by the advertising slogan, "The Rolls Royce of Motor Bikes" The model shown here is the SS100AGS They built 281 of this model equipped with a J.A.P engine, priced at 170 pounds. Back when the average income in Japan was 100 yen a year, it would have cost 520 yen!

...WHEN IT'S READY, TAKE ME ON A RIDE--
ONCE AROUND THE LAKE.
THAT WAS YOUR PROMISE TO ME.
IF YER GONNA RACE, YUH NEED ENDUR-ANCE!
NO SLACKING, YA LAZY SCUM!
32!
33!
34!
A BROUGH SUPERIOR! ALL MINE!
DAT STINKIN' CREEP MORISATO! LOOKIT DAT SMUG FACE...
DAMN! WHAT WAS YUH DOIN' LAST NIGHT, MORISATO?!
MEBBE HE..
OR MEBBE I BET HE... GRR!
MORISATO! FIFTY MORE-- JUST YOU!
AIEE!
NO FAIR!

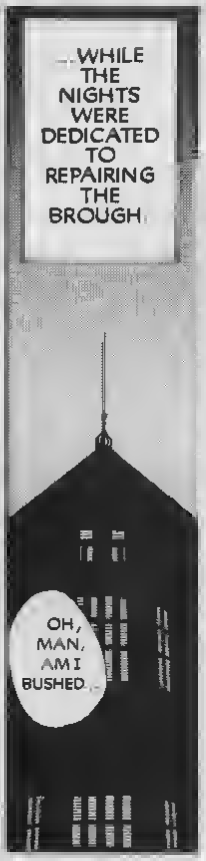
IT'S REALLY OKAY? YOU DON'T CARE?
ACROSS TIME, ACROSS GENERA-TIONS... WAITING FOR HER MAN TO COME BACK TO HER
IT'S ALL RIGHT. A PROMISE KEPT HER ALIVE, URD.
I MEAN, KEIICHI'S PUTTING UP WITH IT 'CAUSE HE'S A NICE GUY, BUT--
HERE YOU GO, DEAR
YOU'RE JUST HANDING HIM OVER TO THAT GIRL?
I... I KNOW HOW SHE MUST FEEL, THAT GIRL.
HOW I WOULD FEEL...
BELL-DANDY...
YOU'RE REALLY SOME-THING ELSE, YOU KNOW THAT?

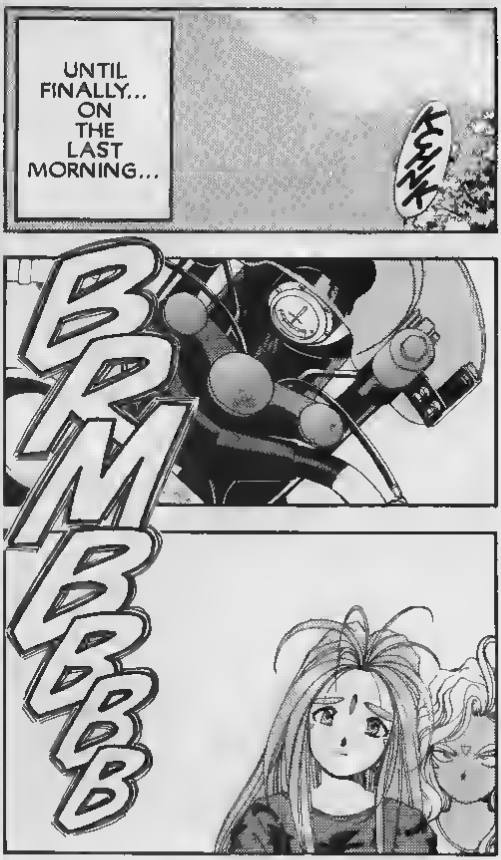
NOW, BOYZ, DA STRIP SHOW!
LATER THAT NIGHT
EEK! TAMIYA! STOP!
C'MON, HASEGAWA! YOU TAKE IT OFF, TOO!
OH, MAN... I THOUGHT SO.
THE MAGNETO'S TOTALLY WASTED.
GO ASK OTAKI FOR A CDI AND A COIL.
SURE!
GEEZ, WHERE'S HE GONNA GET BIKE PARTS WAY OUT HERE?
OTAKI? BELIEVE ME, HE'S GOT THEM.
OH, NOTHING. I WAS JUST... ASKED.
THANK YOU SO MUCH!
A CDI AND A COIL?
SURE I GOT 'EM.
WHAT FOR?
EEK!

BELL-DANDY... WHAT A BABE... WHAT A *BABE!*
MORISATO, YOU LITTLE *CREEP!*

IT'S THE "SPECIAL TREATMENT" FOR *YOU*, SONNY BOY!
YOU'LL PAY, MORISATO!

AND THUS, DURING THE DAY THE BRUTAL (OR AS TAMIYA AND OTAKI WOULD PUT IT, "REASONABLE") TRAINING DRAGGED ON...
MORISATO! FIVE MORE MILES FOR YOU, YA SLACKER!
AIEE!


...WHILE THE NIGHTS WERE DEDICATED TO REPAIRING THE BROUGH.
OH, MAN, AM I BUSHED.


UNTIL FINALLY... ON THE LAST MORNING...
KLINK
BRMBBBBB

SO... YOU READY? WE'RE OFF!
VRMBBBBB
WELL, THERE THEY GO.
MM.
HAVE A NICE DRIVE, KEIICHI...
"...AND YOU TOO, CHIEKO."
BRMBBB

THE WIND RUSHING PAST... THE LULLING THROB OF THE ENGINE...
"THE RIVER OF GREEN RUSHING TOWARD ME, AND RUSHING AWAY...
"IS THIS WONDERFUL FEELING WHAT YOU WANTED TO SHOW ME, HOTARU-NO-SUKE...?
"WHY DIDN'T YOU COME BACK TO SHOW ME, MY ONLY LOVE?"
SAY, CHIEKO!
HM?
MY GRAND-FATHER! YOU KNOW WHY HE NEVER CAME BACK?!
IT WAS BECAUSE YOU PASSED AWAY, CHIEKO! BEFORE HE COULD KEEP HIS PROMISE!

THAT'S WHY HE LEFT HIS BIKE HERE! WHY HE NEVER FIXED IT!!
YES... I SEE IT NOW...
"HOTARU-NO-SUKE... THIS BOY REALLY DOES HAVE YOUR BLOOD IN HIM.
"OTHER-WISE, HOW COULD HE SO UNDER-STAND YOUR HEART...?"
HERE'S THE LAST CORNER. WE'LL BE BACK AT THE LODGE IN A MINUTE!
EH?! ALREADY?
.... SO? ONE MORE TIME AROUND?
N-NO... ONCE IS FINE.
BUT ACTUALLY ...
I JUST REMEM-BERED... THAT I MADE A PROMISE, TOO.
HUH?!

"THANK YOU" ...

I COULD HAVE SWORN I HEARD THOSE WORDS...

...AS SHE FADED INTO THE AIR, LIKE MORNING MIST VANISHING INTO A SUMMER SKY...

NEXT ISSUE: "THE LUNCHBOX OF LOVE"

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of Love

MAN, IT'S INCREDIBLE HOW FAST THIS ROOM FILLED UP.
TAMIYA AND OTAKI...
...HAVE IT BALANCED SO CAREFULLY THAT NO ONE DARES CLEAN IT UP.
!!
MM-M!
AOSHIMA! WHY YOU--

AH!
OH MY GOD!!
IT'S SOOO DELICIOUS!!
BELLDANDY, TRULY YOUR LUNCHBOX AND YOURS ALONE IS WORTHY OF FEEDING ME!
EH?
YEESH. WHAT WOULD YOUR FOLLOWERS IN THE AOSHIMA GROUP THINK IF THEY SAW YOU NOW?!
HEY! ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME, AOSHIMA?! I--
FWIP
--HUH?
THAP
AIEE!

SKRASSH
!!
YO! HOW'S DA--
?!?
WHUT DUH HEY?!
HG120
MORISATO!! LOOK WHAT YA DONE!!
HOW MANY DAYS D'YUH THINK IT TOOK US TA PILE UP DIS STUFF?!
PUT IT BACK! JUST THE WAY WE DONE IT!
WHOA! I'M OUTTA HERE!
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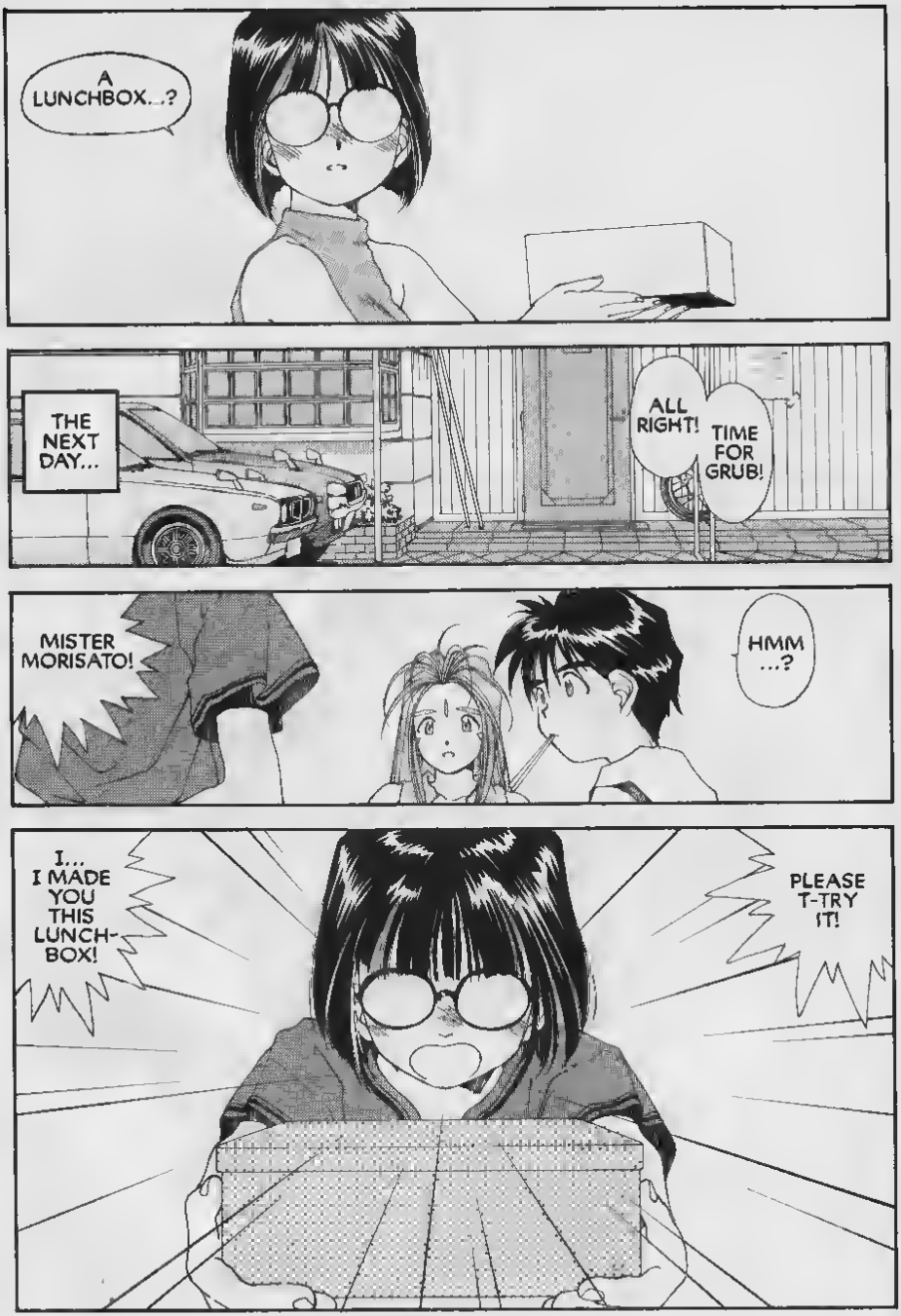

A LUNCHBOX...?
THE NEXT DAY...
ALL RIGHT!
TIME FOR GRUB!
MISTER MORISATO!
HMM ...?
I... I MADE YOU THIS LUNCH-BOX!
PLEASE T-TRY IT!

?!
BUT I...
I... ER... I MEAN, LIKE...
UMM... BELL-DANDY ALREADY MADE ME ONE...
SO I CAN'T REALLY, BUT...
GEEZ. I'M REALLY KILLING THE BABES THESE DAYS!
KEIICHI...? I THINK THERE MUST BE SOME SPECIAL REASON... SO, MAYBE...
YOU THINK?
WELL, OKAY...
IT... IT'S NOT LIKE I'M IN L-LOVE WITH YOU, SIR!
um
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT AT ALL!
I'M ABSOLUTELY NOT NOT NO WAY!
OKAY, OKAY-- I GET THE POINT. I'LL EAT IT.
I CAN TAKE A HINT WHEN IT'S APPLIED WITH A SLEDGE-HAMMER.
BUT I'LL EAT YOURS RIGHT AFTER-WARDS, BELLDANDY.
SO DON'T YOU GO GIVING IT TO AOSHIMA... OKAY?

I WON'T!
UH-OH.. WHAT THE HECK IS THIS...?
ULP!
!!
GO FOR IT! FOOD ISN'T ABOUT LOOKS. IT'S ABOUT...
...TASTE!
MUNCH
....
ER...
.... A DELICATE SENSATION ENVELOPING THE TONGUE LIKE A... UM...
THIS RARE TASTE...
THAT'S ENOUGH, SIR.

I KNOW... I KNOW ALREADY.
MY COOKING IS AWFUL.
I MEAN...
EVER SINCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL I'VE GOTTEN STRAIGHT "F"s IN HOME ECONOMICS.
NOTES
AND ON MY REPORT CARDS, MY TEACHERS ALWAYS WROTE "MAKE HER PRACTICE COOKING AT HOME!"
MATH
CHEM
ENG.
MUSIC
ART
H. EC.
HIST
MY NICKNAME WAS "HASEGAWA, THE CHEF ASSASSIN"...
AND YET, AND YET I WANT...
URK... AND I ATE THE WHOLE THING...
....
MISTER MORISATO! I BEG OF YOU!

TOMORROW, AT YOUR HOUSE...
OH-HO!
SO LITTLE MISS HASEGAWA HAS A CRUSH ON MORISATO, EH? HEH-HEH... I CAN MAKE USE OF THIS.
THE NEXT DAY...
VRRRR
BRAP
SO...
THIS IS MISTER MORISATO'S HOUSE?
...!

...
ALL RIGHT! LET'S GO!
HELLO..? ANY-BODY HOME?!
KSHANGG KSHANGG

SHRIEEEK!
HMM... SOUNDS LIKE BANPEI CAUGHT SOMEONE AGAIN.
FOR PETE'S SAKE, SKULD... JUST TURN THE DARN THING *OFF*, WHY DON'T YOU?
OH *NO!* THAT'S *RIGHT!!* BELLDANDY ASKED ME TO TURN HIM OFF THIS MORNING!
I NEVER DREAMED HE WOULD STILL BE RUNNING, SORA.
I'M SORRY...

UM... HA HA!
AWW, THAT'S OKAY.
ACTUALLY, HE'S A *REALLY* AWESOME ROBOT.
I WAS *TOTALLY* AMAZED!
VREEE -chik-
HE *IS*, ISN'T HE? *ISN'T HE?!*
WOW! WE'RE GOING TO BE GOOD FRIENDS, SORA! I JUST *KNOW* IT!
I'LL BE GLAD TO HELP YOU WITH *ANYTHING!!* JUST ASK!!
EH?
AH?
I, *UM*, THANK YOU, BUT TODAY I JUST CAME TO STUDY COOKING...
COOKING! GOTCHA! JUST LEAVE IT TO ME!

DON'T YOU LEAVE BEFORE I'M FINISHED! PROMISE?!
SKULD, WAI--
....
WHAT DOES SHE MEAN, "LEAVE IT TO ME"...?
WELL, THEN-- SHALL WE GET STARTED?
AH? OH, YES YES, PLEASE!
THAT'S GOOD!
GO SLOWLY AT FIRST...
CHOK CHOK
OH, DEAR...
Y- YOU'RE SO LUCKY, MISS BELL-DANDY.
YOU'RE SUCH A GOOD COOK... SO BEAUTIFUL... EVERYONE LIKES YOU...

GOD IS SO UNFAIR...
THAT'S NOT TRUE.
EVERYBODY IS SPECIAL IN THEIR OWN WAY.
EVERYONE HAS THEIR OWN UNIQUE WORTH...
...THEIR OWN UNIQUE HEART.
NO TWO OF US ARE THE SAME.
BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT GOD IS UNFAIR.

IT MEANS THAT EACH OF US SHINES IN OUR OWN SPECIAL WAY.
IT'S THE PRECIOUS LIGHT OF OUR SOUL.
SO DON'T YOU GIVE UP!
IT MAY EVEN BE THAT COOKING IS YOUR OWN SECRET STRENGTH.
BELLDANDY... YOU'RE SO WARM.

IT'S LIKE... LIKE BEING HUGGED BY A GODDESS.
MY SISTER'S RIGHT, YOU KNOW. THERE *IS* SOMETHING SPECIAL ABOUT YOU.
YOU TAMED THE TEMPERAMENTAL SKULD WITH A SINGLE SENTENCE.
BUT MAN OH *MAN*, YOU REALLY *ARE* HAVING TROUBLE COOKING!
NOW, A GIRL LIKE YOU...
...NEEDS MY ULTRA-DELUXE *EMPEROR OF FLAVOR GOLD TWO-HUNDRED!*
A SINGLE TABLET MAKES YOUR MEAL A FEAST THEY'LL *NEVER* FORGET!

YES, MY FRIEND-- USE THIS, AND THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO LIVE WITHOUT YOUR COOKING!
AND IF YOU ACT NOW, I'LL--
UM... THANKS, BUT--
HEY, SORA! IT'S DONE!
oh, rats
ZEEP
VREEE
THE NEW BANPEI THREE-STAR CHEF ATTACHMENT SET!

GOSH...
THANK YOU, SKULD, AND URD. FOR EVERY-THING.
BUT...
I WANT TO DO IT BY MYSELF, WITH MY OWN HANDS.
I'M SORRY...
AW, GEEZ.
WHAT A DRAG...
I WAS JUST TRYING TO HELP...
HEY, SKULD! CHECK IT OUT!
CAN'T YOU FEEL THAT POWER...?
SHE'S GOT SOMETHING POWERFUL INSIDE... SOMETHING INTENSE IS DRIVING HER.
SEE ...?

AND THAT'S WHY YOU SHOULDN'T INTERFERE.
THAT'S SO LIKE YOU, URD! AS IF YOU'RE MISS PERFECT OR SOMETHING!
OOG .. DINNER... FOOD... MUST HAVE FOOD
I SHOULDN'T INTERFERE?! AND WHAT ABOUT YOU?! YOU GAVE HER SOMETHING, TOO!
OOPS... YOU SAW ME? CLEVER LITTLE THING, AREN'T YOU...
THANK YOU SO MUCH, MISS BELL-DANDY!
I'M SORRY I KEPT YOU UP SO LATE.
BUT NOW I FEEL LIKE... MAYBE...
.. MAYBE EVEN I CAN MAKE A DELICIOUS LUNCH-BOX.

I KNOW YOU CAN.
THOSE CUTS ON YOUR FINGERS WON'T HAVE BEEN IN VAIN.
I'M SURE YOUR FEELINGS...
WILL REACH HIS HEART.
!!
DO YOUR BEST.
SHE KNEW? BUT HOW...?
MISS BELLDANDY, YOU'RE SOMETHING SPECIAL...
I WILL!
I'LL GIVE IT MY ALL!

BRAND
"YOUR FEELINGS"...? "HIS HEART"...? WHA--
IT'S A SECRET.
OOH. NOW I GET IT.
THIS IS GETTING VERY INTERESTING.
I THOUGHT I'D JUST LET YOU BE, YOUNG LADY...
BUT IF THAT'S THE STORY, I JUST CAN'T RESIST. HEH, HEH...

FZZK
IT'S ALMOST TIME.
FZZK
SO, YOU DARE TO SOLVE A PROBLEM OF LOVE WITHOUT CALLING ON THE LOVE GODDESS URD?
FSSHT
YOU'RE FIVE-HUNDRED-MILLION YEARS TOO YOUNG FOR THAT, SWEETIE!
FSSHT

HEH, HEH...
I PRAY FOR YOUR SUCCESS.
AS IF IT'S NOT A DONE DEAL!
OH, HI!
YO! SORRY WE'RE SO LATE!
AND NOW... THE RESULTS OF ALL MY PRACTICE!
HERE-- PLEASE TRY A BITE.
WHATCHA LOOKING FOR, BELL-DANDY?
I THOUGHT I REMEMBERED SEEING SOME TEA HERE BEFORE...
GEE... I DON'T REMEMBER SEEING IT. ARE YOU SURE?

I'LL POP DOWN TO THE CORNER STORE AND GET SOME, OKAY?
BUT WE DON'T REALLY...
AH, WELL... THAT'S OKAY. SO-- LET ME AT THIS LUNCHBOX!
YES, SIR!
LOCKED! WE'RE LOCKED IN!
HEY!! WHO DID THAT?!
KCHAT
?!

OPEN THE DOOR!!
BAMBAM
THERE-- I'VE GONE TO THE TROUBLE OF SETTING IT ALL UP PERFECTLY.
NOW I'M COUNTING ON YOU, HASEGAWA!
IT'S SO CLASSIC-- THE YOUNG COUPLE, TRAPPED IN A LOCKED ROOM!
ALONE AND DESPERATE, THEIR HEARTS OPEN TO EACH OTHER...
I LOVE YOU, KEIICHI!
S-SORA...
I NEVER KNEW...
AND ONCE THEY'RE AT IT HOT AND HEAVY, I OPEN THE DOOR AND REVEAL THEM TO BELLDANDY...!
AFTER THAT, I JUST WORM INSIDE HER BROKEN HEART.
IT CAN'T FAIL!
THAT'S IT! THE WINDOW!
BUT...
AARG! I CAN'T DO IT!
IF I KNOCK THAT JUNK DOWN AGAIN, TAMIYA'LL...
MISTER MORISATO...

...DON'T WORRY. MISS BELLDANDY WILL BE BACK SOON.
WHY DON'T WE JUST HAVE LUNCH?
I THOUGHT I FELT SOME-THING... A TRACE OF POWER...
!
URD ...?!
HEH HEH
HELPING OUT THE HELP-LESS...
MAKES ME FEEL SO GOOD!

B-B-
BELL-DANDY?!
FAP
ULP!
SISTER, DEAREST... WHAT DID YOU DO WITH THESE?!
UH-OH... I'M IN FOR IT NOW... WHEN BELLDANDY LOSES IT FOR REAL...
I... UH... ER...
....
SO...
H-HOW IS IT?

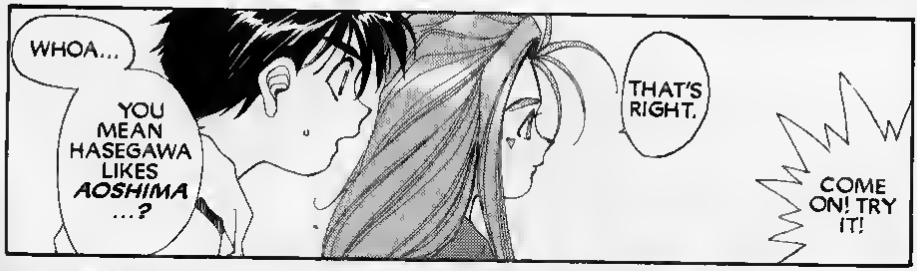
IT'S GREAT!! YOU'VE REALLY IMPROVED!
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU LEARNED SO MUCH IN JUST ONE NIGHT!
HEH HEH...
THEN I'LL HAVE SOME, TOO.
I WONDER...
.. IF I WOULD'VE BEEN HAPPIER IF I'D FALLEN IN LOVE...
..WITH YOU.
UM...
KEIICHI?
EH?

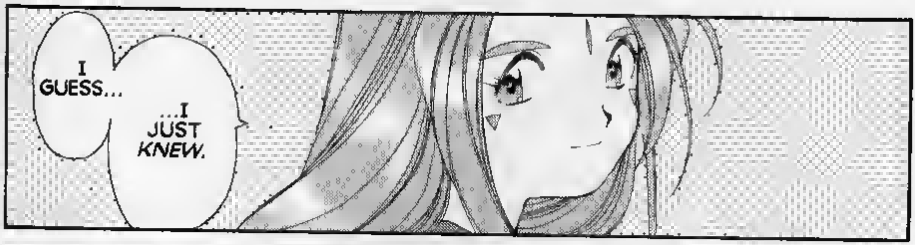
HUH?!
YES!!
WHAT?! YOU PUT A LOVE POTION IN HER LUNCH-BOX?!

AH... HA HA I WAS SO SCARED...
IF THEY TAKE URD'S LOVE POTION...
...THEY'LL FALL IN LOVE FOR SURE!
PLEASE LET ME BE IN TIME!
!!
WHOA... WAY TOO SOON!
BELLDANDY! IT'S AWFUL! MORISATO'S INSIDE WITH HASEGAWA AND THEY'RE...
AH WELL... IT WAS ALMOST GOOD TIMING...
KCHIK

KEIICHI!
?!
Y-YES?
THANK GOOD-NESS...
...NOTHING HAPPENED!
OH...!

MORISATO, YOU LUCKY DOG...
HERE!
I BROUGHT YOU A LUNCH-BOX.
MAYBE IT'S NOT AS GOOD AS MISS BELL-DANDY'S...
...BUT IT'S STRAIGHT FROM MY HEART.
F-FROM YOUR HEART...?
HUH?





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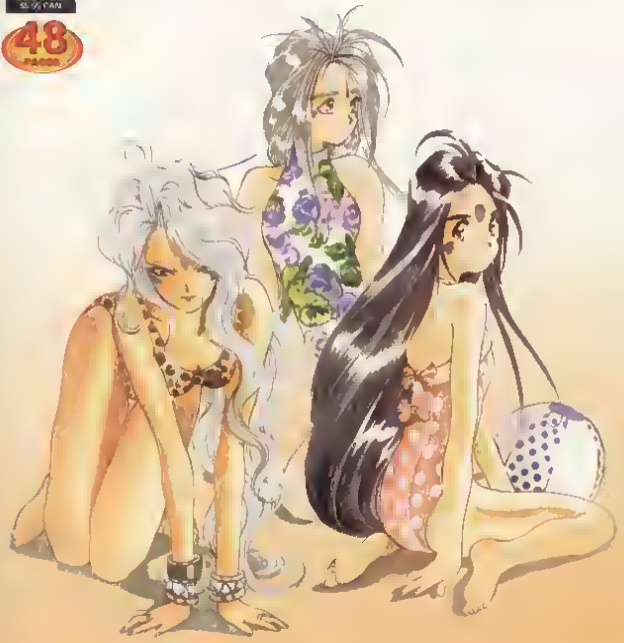

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BLUE SKY...
WHITE CLOUDS...
AN EMPTY BEACH, THE PEOPLE LONG GONE...
HEY, KEIICHI!!!
THE COLD WAVES OF SEPTEMBER... JELLYFISH DRIFTING BETWEEN THE CRESTS...
HEY!!

Meet Me by the Seashore

BUT NONE OF THAT SEEMED TO BOTHER THE GODDESSES.

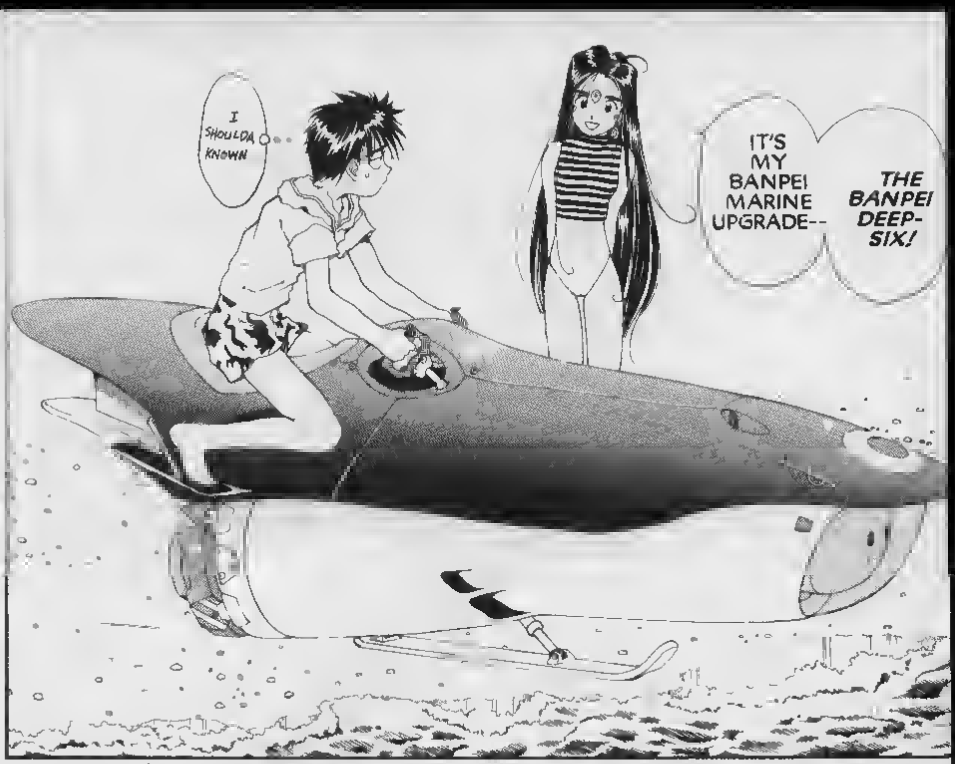
AH, WELL... AS LONG AS THEY'RE HAVING FUN.
SPLAT SPLAT
?
YE-OW!
SEA SLUG!
URD "SEE SLUG" TOO, KEIICHI! WHAT ARE YOU LAZING ABOUT FOR?!
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN WHY YOU CAME HERE...?
THAT'S RIGHT-- THE *REASON*. THE REASON WE'RE HERE BY THE SEASHORE...

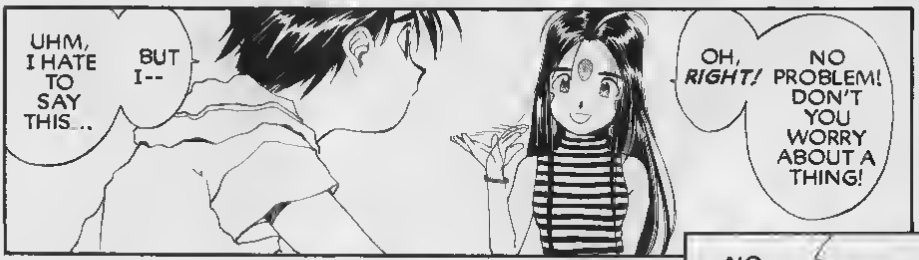
IT HAPPENED JUST YESTER-DAY...
BUT I DON'T *WANT* TO KNOW THE FUTURE, URD.
SILENCE! YOU'LL DESTROY MY CONCEN-TRATION!
URD SUDDENLY ANNOUNCED SHE WOULD CAST MY FORTUNE.
HMMM... I CAN SEE IT!
KEIICHI! TOMORROW, YOU MUST GO TO THE BEACH!
HUH?
BUT *WHY...?*
YOUR BIRTH PLANET TRANSITS THROUGH THE PROTECTION OF THE MOON...
...AND YOU AND YOUR PARTNER STAR WAX BRIGHT DRAWN INEXORABLY TOWARD ONE ANOTHER
THE TIME DRAWS NIGH FOR THEM TO BURN WITH *LUX ÆTERNA-- ETERNAL LIGHT!*

GET IT...?
NOT A WORD
I'M AN ENGINEER, SUGAR!
THOSE WHO PLEDGE THEIR LOVE UPON THAT ROCK, BENEATH THE FULL MOON..
...WILL BE BOUND TOGETHER FOREVER!
LISTEN WELL!
ON THE COAST-LINE SOUTH OF HERE...
...STANDS THE ROCK OF THE THREE SISTERS.
NOW DO YOU UNDER-STAND?!
FOREVER!
THIS IS YOUR KHARMA! THIS IS YOUR FATE! THIS IS YOUR DESTINY!

YOU CAN BELIEVE ME OR NOT, KEIICHI...
...BUT A WOMAN IS ALWAYS WAITING TO HEAR THOUGHT PUT INTO WORDS.
YOU'LL TURN UP BY THE SEA-SHORE. I KNOW IT.
JUST ANOTHER ONE OF HER LOONY-TUNE STORIES.
OR.. SO I THOUGHT.
BUT OF COURSE, HERE I AM-- BY THE SEA-SHORE. WHAT A SUCKER...!
IF YOU DON'T GET YOUR BUTT IN GEAR NEXT TIME I'LL STUFF THIS SEA SLUG DOWN YOUR SHORTS!
WHERE THE HECK DOES SHE FIND THESE THINGS ...?
KEIICHI...?

AREN'T YOU GOING TO GO FOR A SWIM?
ME? NAW I, er...
I'M KIND OF A JELLYFISH MAGNET.
WHOA...!
GUESS IT WAS WORTH COMING HERE, AFTER ALL.
HEY, KEIICHI!! CHECK OUT MY GREAT NEW INVENTION!
ACK!
COME ON! YOU GOTTA TRY IT!
NO! PLEASE! HELLLP!
IT'S SUPER FUN!
OKAY. NOW, JUST HOLD ON TIGHT.


I SHOULDA KNOWN
IT'S MY BANPEI MARINE UPGRADE--
THE BANPEI DEEP-SIX!


UHM, I HATE TO SAY THIS...
BUT I--
OH, RIGHT!
NO PROBLEM! DON'T YOU WORRY ABOUT A THING!

I DRIVE IT FOR YOU BY REMOTE CONTROL!
JUST KICK BACK AND ENJOY!
NO, WAIT! THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT!
I CAN'T SWI--
klik

BWHOOSH
AIEE!!
BLISH
YEEK!
WH-WH-WHY D-DIDN'T I T-TELL THEM B-BEFORE?!
YAAAA!
OH, GOODY! HE'S HAVING *LOTS* OF FUN!
IS THAT WHAT YOU CALL "FUN"...?

AAAGH! WHY DID I COME HEEERE...?
KEIICHI...?
!!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO HANG ON LIKE THAT. YOU COULD HAVE JUST JUMPED OFF...
AH HA HA HA!
I'M FINE! OKAY!
"A WOMAN IS ALWAYS WAITING TO HEAR THOUGHT PUT INTO WORDS"
"BOUND TOGETHER FOREVER!"
IF URD HADN'T TOLD ME THAT NONSENSE I WOULDN'T BE SO... SO DARN NERVOUS!

"THE ROCK OF THE THREE SISTERS!"
BUT... WHAT IF THERE REALLY *IS* A "THREE SISTERS ROCK"...?
KEIICHI? WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
OH, JUST... *um*... JUST TAKING A LITTLE WALK
MIND IF I COME ALONG ...?!
ME TOO, ME TOO!
YOU STAY *HERE!*
KSSHOOM
RATS... THERE WASN'T ANYTHING LIKE THAT, AFTER ALL.

KEIICHI? WHEN YOU SEE THE OCEAN, DO YOU REMEMBER ...?
HUH?
ON OUR VERY FIRST DATE...
WE WENT TO THE OCEAN THAT TIME, TOO.
OH, YEAH... GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT.
OH, WELL... I DIDN'T FIND THE ROCK, BUT THAT'S OKAY.
WHAT?!
ICE BOX

YOU BETTER EXPLAIN THAT TO ME *RIGHT NOW,* URD!!
LIKE I SAID..
...IT'S *DESTINY.* THAT'S WHAT.
YOU ABSOLUTELY MUST *NOT* COME BETWEEN THOSE TWO, SKULD.
...
...!
BUT... BUT...
I ABSOLUTELY *WILL* COME BETWEEN THEM! IT'S FOR MY BIG SISTER BELLDANDY'S *OWN GOOD!*

HEH, HEH ..
LET'S SPIN ANOTHER FOR ALL YOU LOVERS OUT THERE...
WE'RE BA--
ACKK!! WHAT ARE YOU DOING, URD?! GET YOUR CLOTHES BACK ON!
HE SAYS, WHILE TAKING A GOOD, LONG LOOK..
DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE BEING A GUTLESS LITTLE WIMP AS USUAL!
HEY!!
LOOK, KEIICHI..
LISTEN TO ME
SO? DID YOU FIND THREE SISTERS ROCK?
IT..
IT WASN'T THERE.

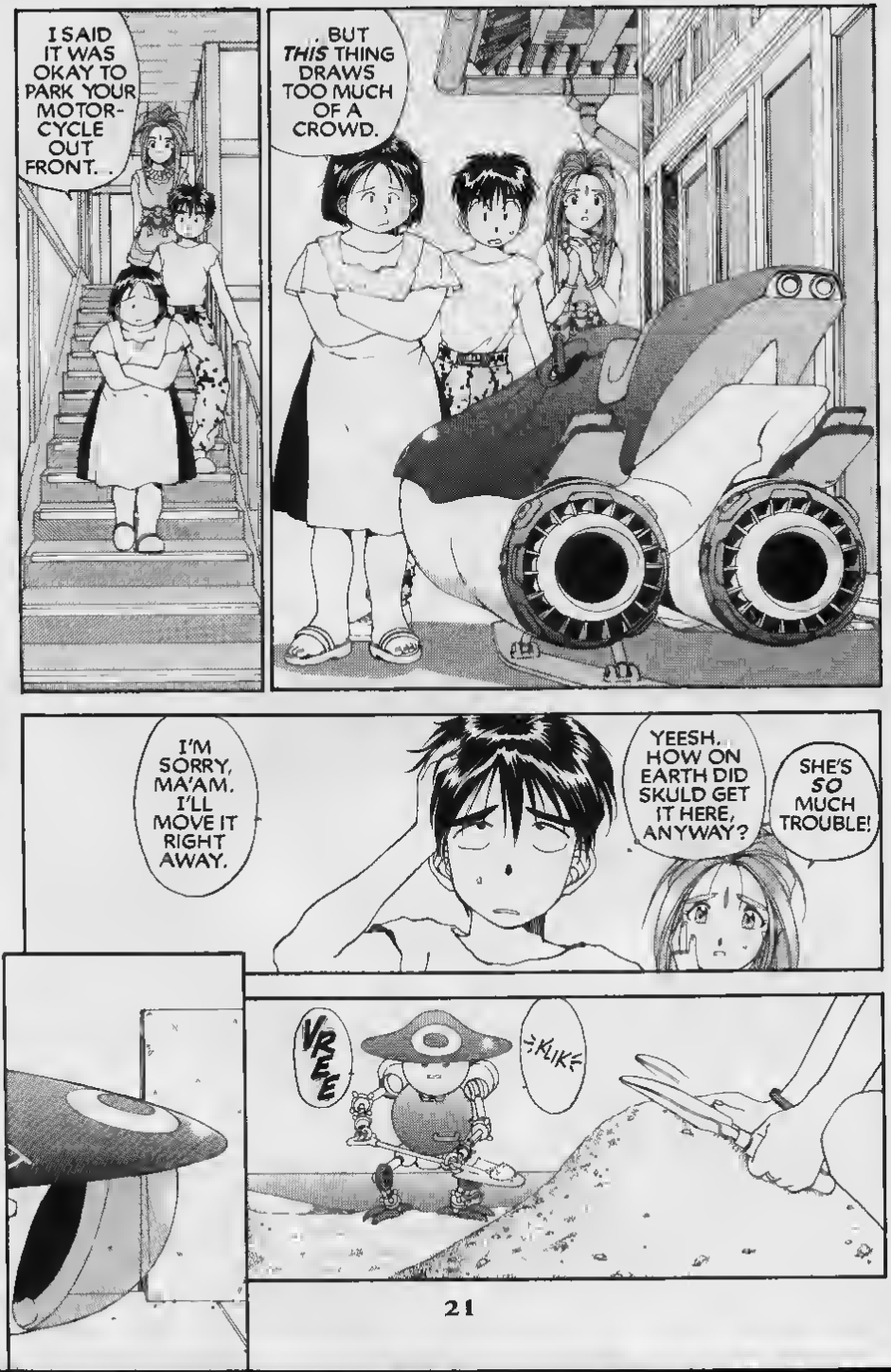
THERE ARE AS MANY CHANCES FOR HAPPINESS AS THERE ARE STARS TWINKLING IN THE SKY.
BUT ONLY A HANDFUL OF PEOPLE EVER REACH OUT AND SEIZE THEM.
DO YOU KNOW WHY?
BECAUSE NO ONE EVER KNOWS WHEN AND WHERE THEIR CHANCE WILL COME.
KEIICHI .. ARE YOU REALLY GOING TO THROW AWAY THE CHANCE YOU SEE BEFORE YOU?
SOME THINGS ARE VISIBLE ONLY TO THOSE WITH THE FAITH TO SEE THEM.
GO LOOK. ONE MORE TIME.
AND OH... IF YOU RUN INTO TROUBLE, JUST CALL.
WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT?
UM... ER...
GOOD QUESTION!

THAT'S SO BEAUTIFUL..
S-SURE IS.
WHERE DID URD AND SKULD GET TO?
WHEN I'M ALONE WITH HER, I CAN'T...

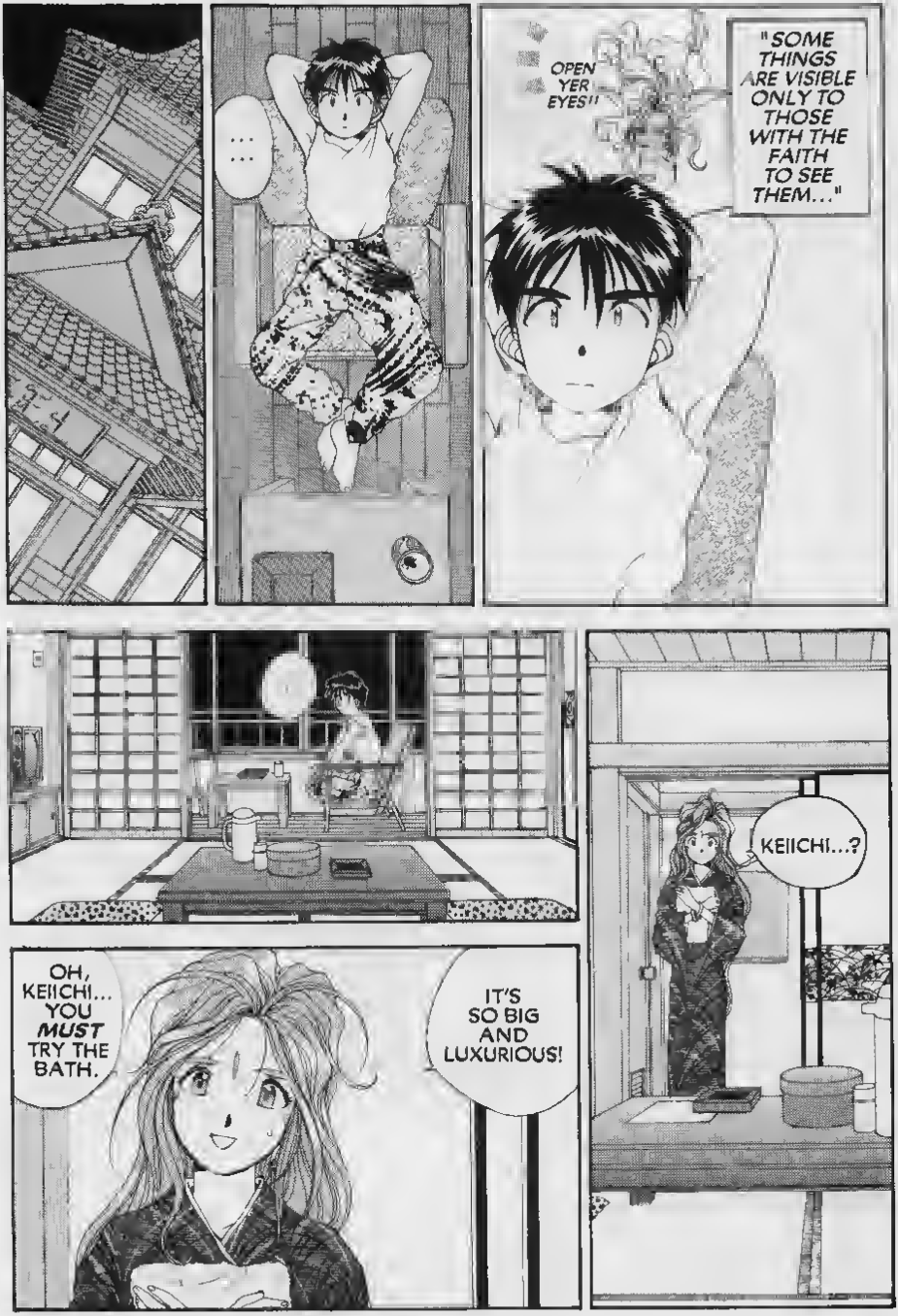
GEEZ...
DO I REALLY HAVE TO SPELL IT OUT FOR HER AFTER ALL THIS TIME...?
TELL HER!
SHE'S WAITING!
"I CAN JUST IMAGINE THE TWO OF US, STANDING ATOP THREE SISTERS ROCK BENEATH A FULL MOON..."
BELL-DANDY...
YES, DEAR?
I LOVE YOU, MY DARLING.
"TAKEN ABACK, SHE HESITATES..."
"A SHY SMILE STEALS ACROSS HER FACE AND THEN, QUIETLY.."
I LOVE YOU, TOO..
OH, STOP! STOP! BEHAVE, YOU NAUGHTY DEVIL YOU!
HEY! I DIDN'T SAY NOTHIN' 'BOUT THAT!
YEAH! DON'T GET CARRIED AWAY!

KEIICHI?
YOUR FACE IS SO RED. DID YOU GET A SUN-BURN...?
OH, NO! IT'S NOTHING! I'M FINE!
I.. WE... SHE... HE .. IT... THEY... HA HA!
UM... KEIICHI... ARE YOU SORRY YOU CAME TO THE SEASHORE WITH ME...?
IT SEEMS LIKE, EVER SINCE WE GOT HERE...
YOUR MIND HAS BEEN SOMEWHERE ELSE.
NO! ABSOLUTELY NOT NOT TRUE!

I DIDN'T COME HERE TO SEE THE OCEAN.
I CAME TO BE WITH YOU!
OH, KEIICHI...
THANK YOU...
B-BELL-DANDY... I--
=koff= EXCUSE ME, SIR?
URK!


I SAID IT WAS OKAY TO PARK YOUR MOTOR-CYCLE OUT FRONT. .
. BUT *THIS* THING DRAWS TOO MUCH OF A CROWD.
I'M SORRY, MA'AM. I'LL MOVE IT RIGHT AWAY.
YEESH. HOW ON EARTH DID SKULD GET IT HERE, ANYWAY?
SHE'S *SO* MUCH TROUBLE!
VREE
:KLIK:

KEIICHI-- TRY TO UNDER-STAND! I *DON'T* HATE YOU! *NO WAY!*
BUT I WILL *NOT* JUST HAND OVER MY BIG SISTER TO YOU!
LET'S SEE IF YOU CAN DEFEAT *SKULD'S DEATHTRAP OBSTACLE COURSE, VERSION 3.1!*
HAH! *NOW* THIS IS GETTING INTEREST-ING!
LIKE THEY SAY, THE COURSE OF TRUE LOVE NEVER DID RUN SMOOTH...
.. RIGHT, KEIICHI?!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...
OPEN YER EYES!!
"SOME THINGS ARE VISIBLE ONLY TO THOSE WITH THE FAITH TO SEE THEM..."
KEIICHI...?
IT'S SO BIG AND LUXURIOUS!
OH, KEIICHI... YOU MUST TRY THE BATH.

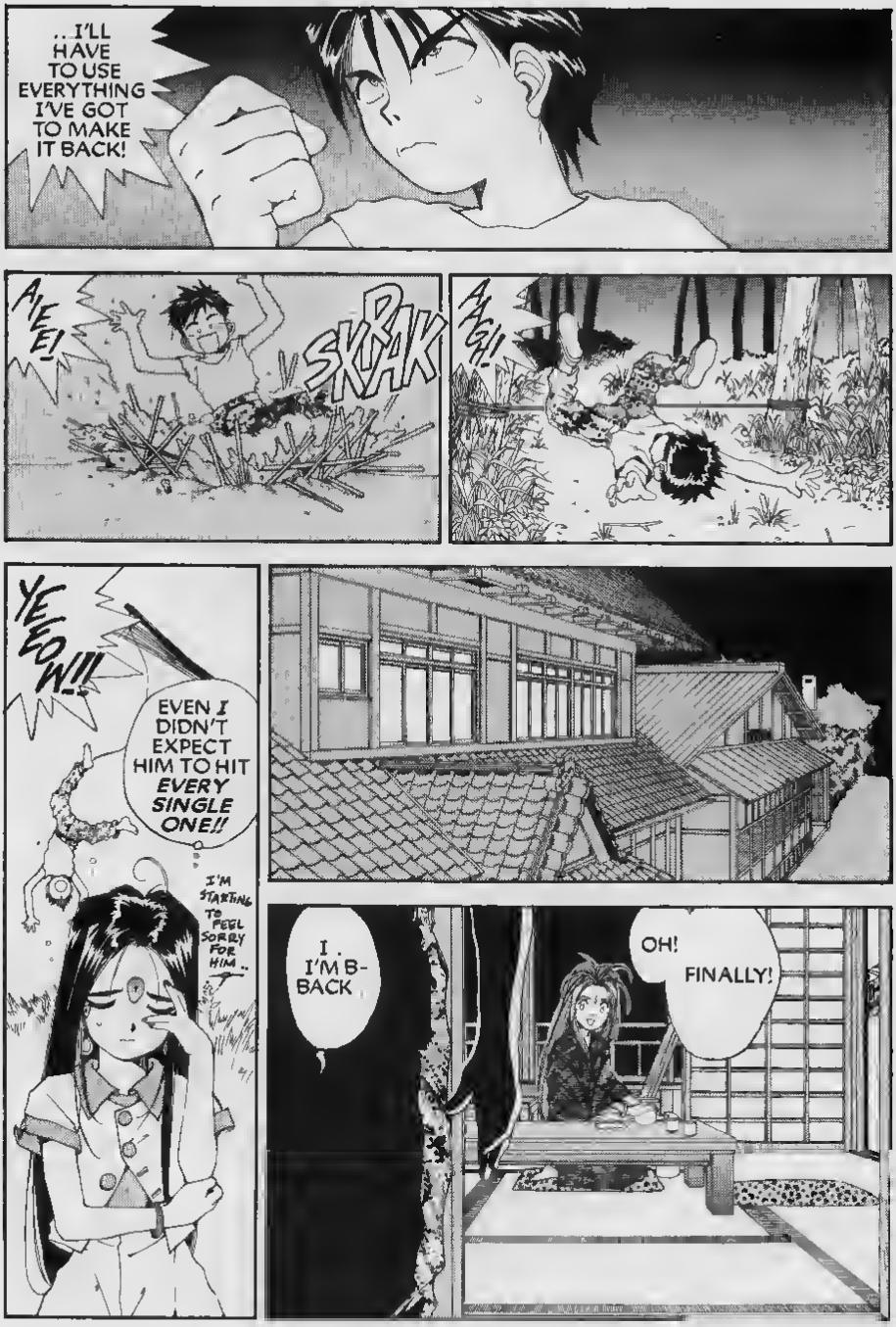
Back in a bit. K1
AH...!
"GO LOOK..."
HAFF
HAFF
"GO LOOK. ONE MORE TIME."
HAVE A LOOK-SEE, BOY!
THAT'S IT!
THAT'S WHY I DIDN'T SEE THEM! IT WAS HIGH TIDE!
WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF SUCH A SIMPLE THING ...?

MAYBE WHAT URD SAID IS REALLY--
!!
N-NO... I..I FEEL... DIZZY
HELLO...? ARE YOU OKAY?
I DON'T WANT TO LOSE A SECOND GETTING BACK...
...BUT I CAN'T JUST...
YOW! WHAT A BABE!

HOP ON! WHERE IS YOUR HOTEL?
IF I TAKE HER THERE AND THEN ZIP RIGHT BACK, THERE'LL STILL BE TIME...
THANK YOU, KIND SIR.
HEH HEH
WHUMP
MAN! SHE WEIGHS A TON!
I... I CAN'T HOLD HER UP! I DON'T GET IT!
HHRNG!

HEE HEE HEE... SUCKER!
SHE'S JUST A REMOTE CONTROLLED *SAND DOLL* HELD TOGETHER BY THE *SKULD ULTRA-MAG CONTROL UNIT*
YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO CARRY HER A FEW FEET, BUT YOU'LL *NEVER* GET HER BACK, NOT WITH THOSE WIMPY MUSCLES OF YOURS
I KNOW ALL ABOUT THAT SENTIMENTAL STREAK OF YOURS, KEIICHI!
FIENDISHLY CUNNING, IF I DO SAY SO MYSELF!
HA!
flip
?
!!
WHSST
CHANK

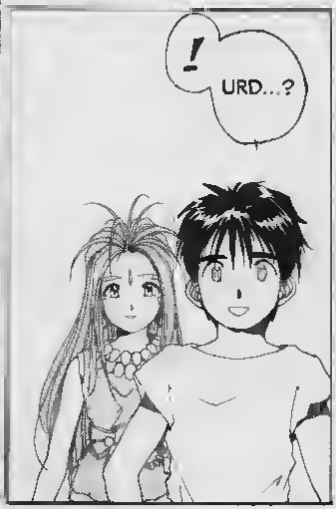
WHAT THE HECK..?
CHANK
SWIP
OH, NO! I'M BUSTED!!
BOOM
SELF DESTRUCT!
koff
koff
A SUPERBLY SKILLFUL EXECUTION...
WITH SUCH AN AMATEURISH ENDING... IT'S GOTTA BE SKULD!
MAN... DOES SHE REALLY THINK I'M GOING TO TAKE BELLDANDY AWAY FROM HER?
IN THAT CASE...
koff
koff


.. I'LL HAVE TO USE EVERYTHING I'VE GOT TO MAKE IT BACK!
AIEE!
SKRAK
AAGH!
YEOW!!
EVEN I DIDN'T EXPECT HIM TO HIT EVERY SINGLE ONE!!
I'M STARTING TO FEEL SORRY FOR HIM..
I . I'M B-BACK
OH! FINALLY!

GOOD HEAVENS! WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?!
WELL, UH I...
SAY! IT'S A BEAUTIFUL FULL MOON OUT THERE!
YOU WANT TO COME SEE?
KEIICHI... WHAT ON EARTH IS GOING ON...?
DARN IT!
I WASN'T THINKING, WAS I?
HOW THE HECK ARE WE SUPPOSED TO GET OVER THERE?

KEIICHI... I WISH YOU'D JUST TELL ME WHAT YOU WANT.
YOU KNOW I'D DO ANYTHING FOR YOU..
BLURP
HO HO HO!
WHEN IN TROUBLE...
WHEN IN DOUBT...
KBOSH!
RUN IN CIRCLES, SCREAM AND SHOUT...
...FOR URD!

REMEMBER, KEIICHI ...?!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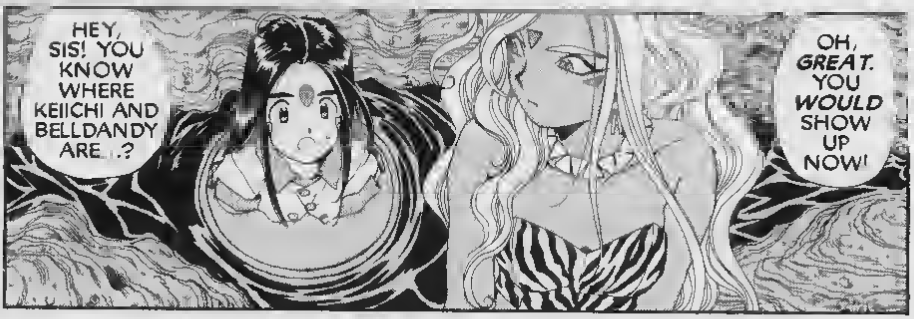
URD...?


HEY, SIS! YOU KNOW WHERE KEIICHI AND BELLDANDY ARE...?
OH, GREAT. YOU WOULD SHOW UP NOW!

THAT'S THEM!
ALMOST THERE!
JUST A LITTLE FURTHER!
OH NO YOU DON'T!
DEEP-SIX, DIVE!!
KLIK

BLURGGLE
WHAT TH--?!
YAIEE! WE'RE SINKING! HELP!!
BLUB BLUB BLUB
BLUB

KRUSH

I'M SORRY... YOU KEEP HAVING TO SAVE ME.
→koff← I'M SUCH A LOSER...
→koff←
→koff←
NO YOU ARE *NOT*.
I MEAN, YOU CAN'T EVEN *SWIM*, KEIICHI.
YOU *SHOULD* BE AFRAID OF THE OCEAN.
BUT YOU WERE STILL WILLING TO GO OUT ON DEEP-SIX TO SHOW ME THE MOON FROM THESE BEAUTIFUL ROCKS.

AND THAT, KEIICHI...
...IS WHY I LOVE YOU.
B-BELL-DANDY...
AHHG! I CAN'T *STAND* IT!
THIS CALLS FOR DIRECT ACTION!
SKULD! *STOP!*
FWNKR

OH, WELL... I WISH SHE'D LEAVE THEM IN PEACE.
BUT IF THEY'VE GONE THAT FAR...
...
THANK YOU.
YOU ALWAYS FIND THE SILVER LINING IN EVERYTHING, BELLDANDY.
SKULD ATTACK!
AND THAT'S WHY.
WHY...

I LOVE YOU, TOO.
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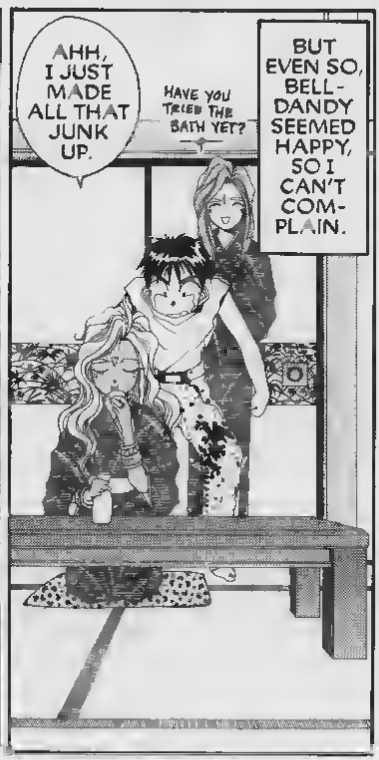

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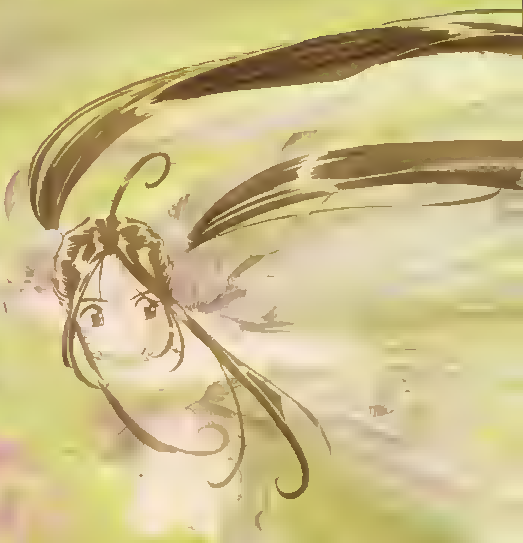

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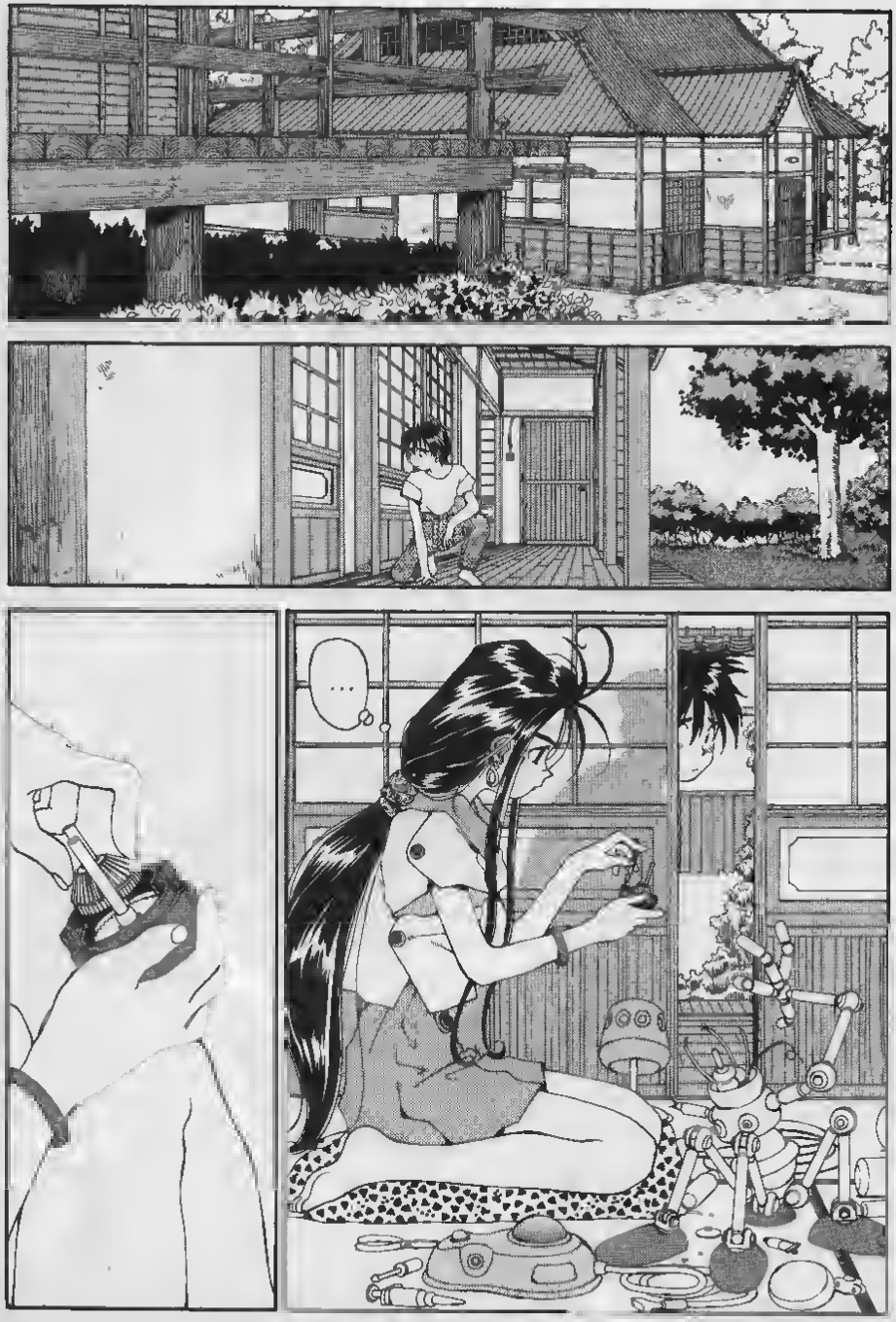
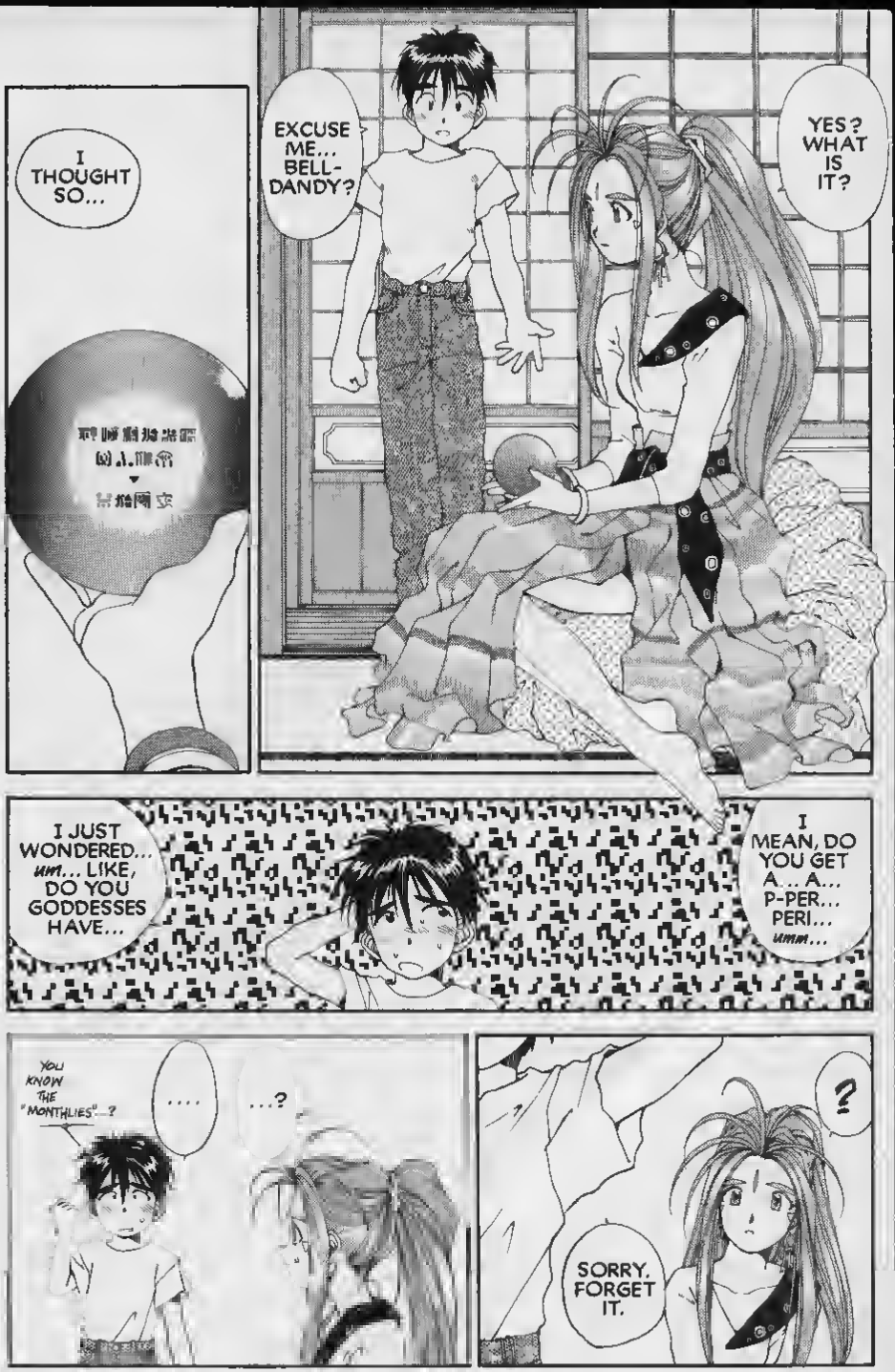
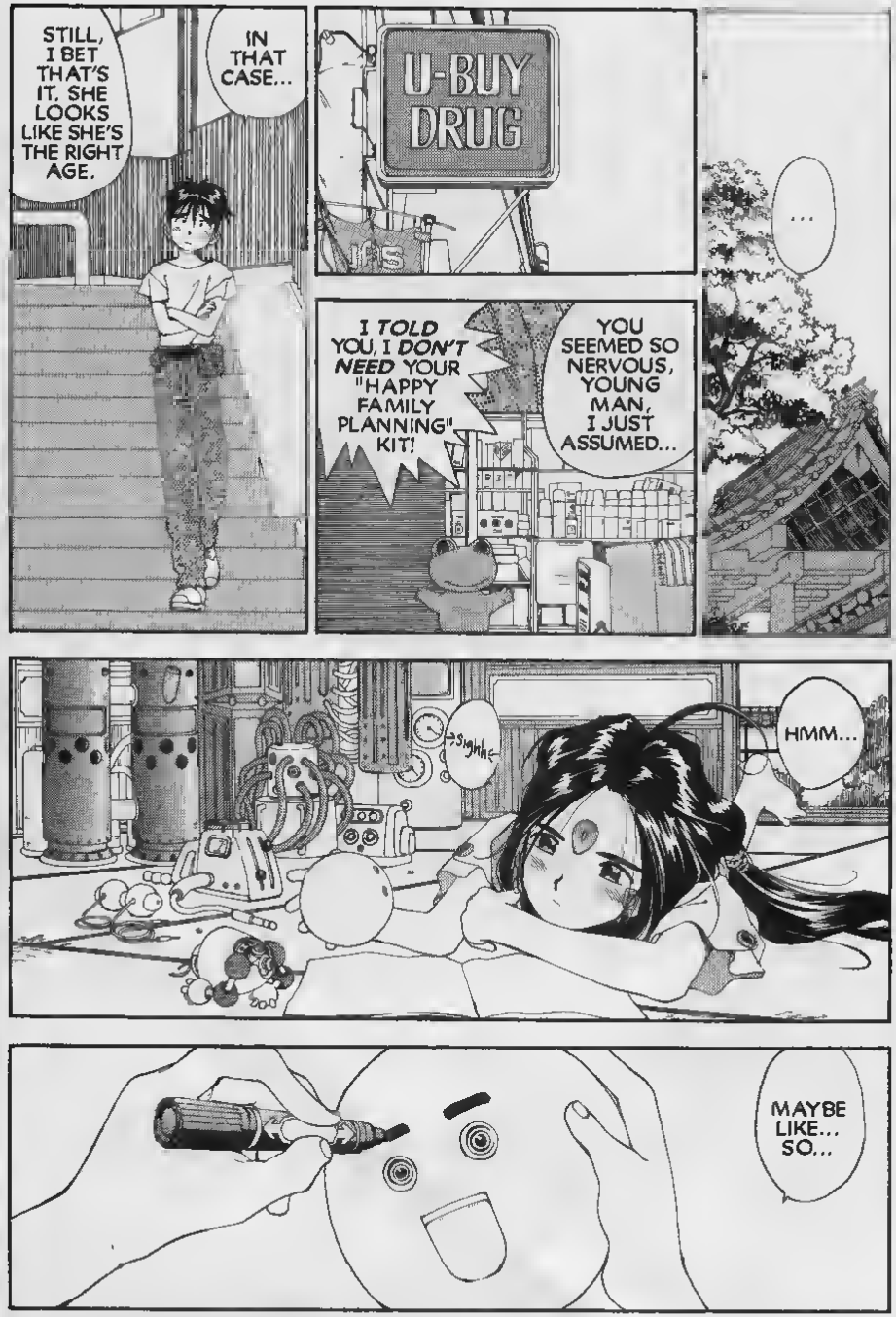


SO, SKULD'S BUILDING ANOTHER ONE OF HER CONTRAP-TIONS.
WHAT'S YOUR POINT?
THAT'S NOT THE *WEIRD* PART!
SHE'S JUST BEEN ACTING... FUNNY... EVER SINCE WE GOT BACK FROM THE BEACH.
ALWAYS SORT OF STARING OFF INTO SPACE AND STUFF.
WAIT... IT CAN'T BE...
OR CAN IT?
HUH? DID YOU THINK OF SOME-THING?
KTAK KTAK

IF YOU'RE *THAT* WORRIED ABOUT HER, I COULD GIVE HER A SHOT OF VITAMIN B-12!
YE EK!
YEESH... ASKING URD TO HELP-- WHAT WAS I THINKING?
W-W-WHERE'D YOU GET THAT NEEDLE?!
WHY? YOU WANT A SHOT, TOO?
CALM DOWN... IT'S ONE OF THOSE BLUNT ONES YOU USE FOR OILING SMALL MACHINES.
WAIT A SEC... I'VE SEEN THIS SORT OF THING BEFORE.
WHEN MY SISTER GOT HER FIRST... Y'KNOW..
...SHE GOT ALL "FUNNY," TOO.
BUT A GODDESS ...?


I THOUGHT SO...
EXCUSE ME... BELL-DANDY?
YES? WHAT IS IT?
I JUST WONDERED... um... LIKE, DO YOU GODDESSES HAVE...
I MEAN, DO YOU GET A... A... P-PER... PERI... umm...
YOU KNOW THE "MONTHLIES"—?
....
...?
?
SORRY. FORGET IT.


STILL, I BET THAT'S IT. SHE LOOKS LIKE SHE'S THE RIGHT AGE.
IN THAT CASE...
U-BUY DRUG
...
I TOLD YOU, I DON'T NEED YOUR "HAPPY FAMILY PLANNING" KIT!
YOU SEEMED SO NERVOUS, YOUNG MAN, I JUST ASSUMED...
sigh
HMM...
MAYBE LIKE... SO...

GEE... THAT MAKES IT LOOK A BIT LIKE... KEIICHI.
HEY, SKULD!
NOW WHAT?!
AH HA HA HA! WH- WHAT'S UP?
TOOLS
I JUST WANTED TO SAY, LIKE, CONGRATU-LATIONS.
AND, UH...MAKE SURE YOU READ THE DIRECTIONS.
U-BUY DRUG
"CONGRATU-LATIONS"...? FOR WHAT?
DARN! I KNEW SHE'D ASK.
ER, N- NOTHING SPECIAL!

I KNOW YOU'RE FEELING "DIFFERENT," BUT THAT'LL PASS.
SO LIKE, EAT UP AND FEEL BETTER!
....
I DON'T WANT IT.
OH, COME ON. DON'T BE--
I SAID I DON'T WANT IT!

OH...!
UH... HAH HAH... GUESS YOU CAN'T HELP FEELING KINDA IRRITABLE RIGHT NOW.
GUESS IT COMES WITH THE TERRITORY, RIGHT?
UMM... YOU KNOW, YOU CAN ALWAYS TALK TO BELLDANDY ABOUT IT.
KEIICHI! WAI--
DARN THAT OLD COOT AT THE PHARMACY! I NEARLY BOUGHT THOSE *OTHER* THINGS BY MISTAKE!
"HAPPY FAMILY PLANNING" SHEESH!
Ice cream isn't good for your tummy right now. Have these instead and you'll feel better! (K)

MY "TUMMY"...? THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH MY STOMACH!
OH WELL... THEY LOOK TASTY.
I WONDER WHAT'S IN THIS OTHER ONE...
FEMININE Modess
FUNNY... IT DOESN'T SEEM EDIBLE
?
?
HEH, HEH!
NOW YOU DO LOOK JUST LIKE KEIICHI!

I LOVE YOU.
NO! THAT'S WRONG!
HE WASN'T SAYING IT TO YOU!
THIS IS SO STUPID. WHY DO I KEEP THINKING ABOUT IT...?
WHY...?
AARG!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO!!

J-JUST *STOP* BEING SO *NICE* TO ME!
YOU WIMPY CARELESS STUPID DUMMY, YOU...YOU... *YOU!*
THUNK
YOU BIG DUMMY.

OH, BOY.
NOW ISN'T THIS A FINE MESS?
BUILDING BRIDGES BETWEEN LOVERS IS MY SPECIALTY, BUT...
...THIS TIME I'LL HAVE TO TEAR ONE DOWN.
FOR BELLDANDY'S SAKE AS WELL AS SKULD'S.
FWHP
AND AS FOR KEIICHI...
HEY, I FORGOT TO CHECK THE FREEBIE THAT DRUGSTORE GUY GAVE ME...
CUPID.
THINS
....
....

KEIICHI ...?
CAN YOU TAKE ME SHOPPING?
UM...
I DON'T KNOW WHERE THE PARTS SHOPS ARE, SO...
OK?
YES!

I'LL PROVE IT!
I'LL *PROVE* THAT I *HATE* KEIICHI!

?
HERE.

YOU BETTER WEAR ONE, JUST IN CASE. I WOULDN'T WANT YOU GETTING HURT.

OH, KEIICHI... YOU'RE SO KIND AND GENTLE...

HUH?

WRONG WRONG WRONG!
KEIICHI'S JUST MOCKING ME 'CAUSE HE KNOWS I DON'T HAVE MY POWERS YET!
HE'D NEVER MAKE BELLDANDY WEAR ONE!
ER... YOU OKAY, SKULD?
AH? ER, UM... SURE! SURE!! HA HA
HERE WE GO-- HANG ON!
OK!
BRMMBB
DON'T FORGET!
YOU'RE OUT HERE TO HATE HIM, REMEMBER?!

KEIICHI...
WOOD PLAZA
GEE... WHY IS IT SO CROWDED?
'CAUSE IT'S SATURDAY.
STILL EVEN SO...

THIS IS A LOT WORSE THAN NORMAL!
SQWRRSH
HEH, HEH...
AND NOW FOR THE FUN PART, KIDDIES.
URD'S MOSH-PIT HELL SPELL!
I TAKE THE NORMAL VECTORS OF HUMAN CROWD MOVEMENT... ADD A TAD OF POWER... AND JUST BY DEFLECTING THEM ALONG THE OUTER EDGES A LITTLE...
CHAOS!!
"WHEN SKULD GETS SHOVED UP AGAINST KEIICHI BY THE CROWD... HEH, HEH!"
HOW DARE YOU TOUCH ME!
KABOOM
I'M SORRY, SKULD-- FORGIVE YOUR LOVING SISTER!!

GEEZ, KEIICHI! DON'T PUSH LIKE THAT!
I... I'M TRYING NOT TO!
YOU LITTLE FOOL! WHY IS YOUR HEART POUNDING?
EEK!
OH, MAN!

HMM?
KEIICHI... HE'S TRYING TO *PROTECT* ME!
GEEZ...
HE'S SO COOL...
WORSE AND WORSE.
GUESS I BETTER TRIPLE THE POWER OF THE SPELL...
FZK

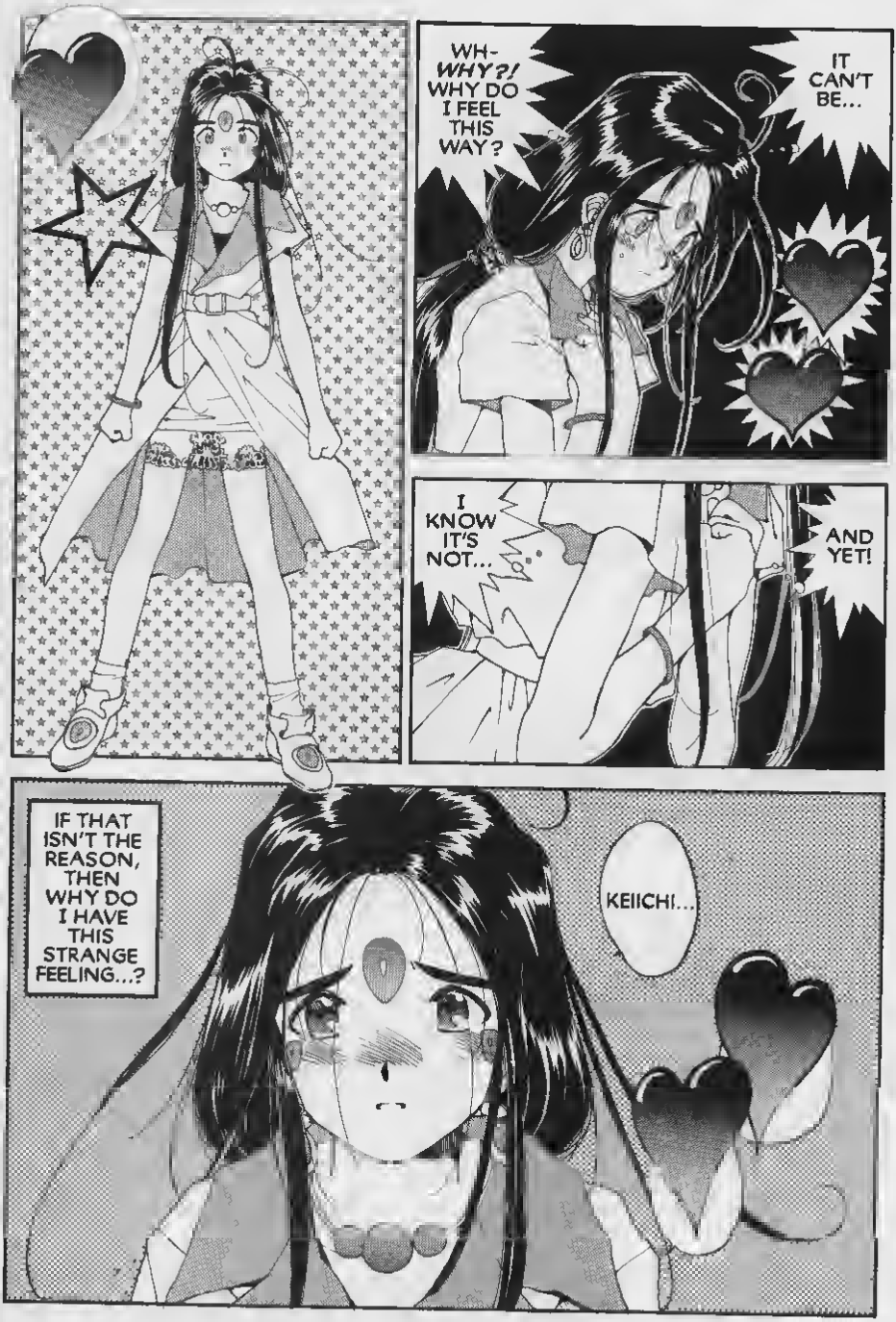
HUH?
WHAT THE HECK ...?
EH?!
!!
IS *SHE* HERE, TOO ...?
AH, HAH! BELL-DANDY!
URD, PLEASE... JUST LEAVE THEM ALONE.
RIGHT NOW, SKULD IS...
SHE'S...

TAMAKYU
WOW!
WHAT PRETTY TOOLS!
YOU WANT 'EM?
HUH?
YOU'LL REALLY BUY THEM FOR ME?!
Step-on
Step-on
Step-on
Step-on
STEP-ON WRENCH SET $750.00
ULP...
HOW ABOUT JUST ONE, OKAY?
WELL, I HOPE THIS'LL CHEER HER UP, ANYWAY...
FWSST

HEH HEH!
HUH?!
HEY!! WHAT HAPPENED TO ALL MY MONEY?!
WHAT ...?!
HMPH!! WHAT A LIAR! I DO HATE HIM, AFTER ALL.
I DON'T GET IT...
FWSTT
UH?
FWOSST
??

AH, HAH! IT WAS IN MY PANTS POCKET!
OH, KEIICHI!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO DO, BELL-DANDY...
BUT ONCE I START SOMETHING I NEVER GIVE UP!
AND IF YOU'RE GOING TO TRY TO PROTECT THOSE TWO...
...THEN I'LL DO ANYTHING TO BREAK THEM UP!

?
!!
AND SO, UN-BEKNOWNST TO THE YOUNG COUPLE...
...THE WAR OF THE SIBLINGS RAGED ON.
UNTIL...
WELL, I GUESS WE BETTER HEAD HOME.
I LOVE YOU.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WHY?!
WHY DO
I FEEL
THIS
WAY?
IT
CAN'T
BE...
I
KNOW
IT'S
NOT...
AND
YET!
IF THAT
ISN'T THE
REASON,
THEN
WHY DO
I HAVE
THIS
STRANGE
FEELING...?
KEIICHI...

MAYBE, JUST MAYBE, I...
ABOUT YOU, KEIICHI, MAYBE I...
SKULD? WH... WHAT'S WRONG?
I...
DAMN! I NEVER DREAMED I'D HAVE TO USE THIS!
IF I DON'T STOP THINGS NOW YOU'LL ONLY SUFFER MORE LATER.
THE ARROW OF LOST LOVE, ABLE TO BREAK THE STRONGEST HEART WITH A SINGLE SHOT.
SKULD, DON'T HATE ME FOR THIS.

TUNGG
WHISH
ANTI-FORCE SHIELD!
FSH
VZZK

AW!
FSHHT
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, BELLDANDY?! IF YOU LET THIS GO ON, IT'LL JUST END IN TRAGEDY!
DON'T YOU CARE IF YOU LOSE KEIICHI?!
YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG, URD.
SKULD IS JUST...
HEH HEH, HEH
I THOUGHT SO.
I THOUGHT THERE WAS SOMETHING WEIRD GOING ON.
ZZREE
YOU WERE BEHIND IT ALL, WEREN'T YOU, URD?!

OUT TO MAKE *FUN* OF ME AGAIN, *WEREN'T YOU?!*
OH, GROW UP, SKULD! YOU'VE GOT IT *COMPLETELY* BACKWARDS. I--
YOU DUMMY!

HUH?!
EZAKK
YEEK!
OH, BROTHER.
WHEN IT'S TIME FOR US TO GROW INTO OUR POWER...
WE ALL BECOME A LITTLE EMOTIONAL.
I THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE TIME.
FOOL
IT.. IT WON'T COME OFF!
FOOL

OH, SKULD... IT'S *SO* WONDERFUL!!
OH, GEEZ...
SO THAT WAS IT?
THAT WAS WHY MY HEART WAS FEELING THAT WAY...?
SAY... NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, IT'S GONE.
I MEAN, REALLY--I THOUGHT IT WAS *TOO* STRANGE.
ME GETTING WORKED UP OVER KEIICHI? *HAH!*
WELL, EXCUSE ME!

KEIICHI?
I... I REALLY WAS... JUST A LITTLE WORRIED.
I MEAN, IF SKULD REALLY HAD FALLEN IN LOVE WITH YOU...
SKULD! DON'T YOU DARE LEAVE WITHOUT ERASING THIS!
HEY--I JUST GOT MY POWER--I DON'T KNOW HOW TO DO IT.
...I...I DON'T KNOW WHAT I WOULD HAVE DONE.
KEIICHI... IF THAT HAD HAPPENED, WOULD YOU HAVE...
...
AW, THERE'S NO POINT EVEN THINKING ABOUT IT, BELLDANDY.
WE'RE TALKING ABOUT SKULD, RIGHT? NO WAY SHE'D EVER FALL IN LOVE WITH ME!

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GAME'S OVER!!
heh heh
THE GREATEST WARRIOR EVER ?!

ACCORDING TO THIS VIDEO BOX A NINJA MASTER IS THE BEST
THE STRONGEST WARRIOR ON EARTH!
THE WILLPOWER TO ENDURE ALL ADVERSITY!
EYES THAT PIERCE THE DARKNESS!
LEGS THAT RUN LIKE THE WIND!
AWAKE O NINJA MASTER!
KODAMA, SOWER OF CONFUSION!
KRAK
KSSH

AND NOW--GO FORTH, NINJA MASTER KODAMA! CAST BELLDANDY AND HER SISTERS INTO THE DEPTHS OF CHAOS!
AS YOU WISH!
SHHK
THUMP
WUD
FUMP
WOULD YOU GET A MOVE ON?!
AS YOU WISH
SHAAK

KSHANG
THE KODAMA "MIST CUT RAPID DRAW TECHNIQUE!
WHCHOK
BEEP BEEP BEEP
LAND
TRACKING
AUTO
DEFENSE
SMOKE SCREEN
ATTACK MODE
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DANGER!
TARGET LOST
DEFENSE
SMOKE SCREEN
CONCEAL
EVADE

BORN FROM DARKNESS DYING IN DARK-NESS...
THAT IS THE FATE OF ALL NINJA!
HYAA!!

LEADER! WHAT IS OUR MISSION OUR DUTY?!
HMM
INTERESTING I HAVE TO WATCH IT AGAIN TOMORROW
THIS PROGRAM WAS BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE FOLLOWING SPONSORS
HUH?!
NOW THEN WHOSE ROOM IS THIS?
KUK
VREEP
NOW WITH BANPEI TAKING CARE OF THE GROUNDS
I CAN LEAVE THE HOUSE TO YOU CAN'T I MINI BANPEI?

BEHIND U
ATTACK MODE
ORIGINAL
ANTI-DEMON
SPECIAL
BOOMERANG
SCAN
DESTRUCT
RUN AWAY
BKAM
VWOOSH
GRAK

WHSST
MINI-BANFEI! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
ATTACK MODE
SPECIAL
DESTROY YOUR ARMY
SKULD!
IF YOU INSIST ON BUILDING THESE USELESS CONTRAPTIONS... FINE
BOOM
ANOTHER F- FAILURE
MAYBE ?

BUT I'M SAYING THIS FOR THE LAST TIME. STOP BOTHERING EVERYBODY ELSE!
OH YEAH?!
I'M THE ONE WHO'S HAVING A HARD TIME GIRL!
YOU MADE ME DROP MY ONLY AMPOULE OF THESE NEW DRUGS!
CAN'T YOU SEE I'M HAVING A HARD TIME?!
GOOD! AT LEAST THAT'S ONE POTION THAT WON'T BE SCREWING UP ANYONE'S LIFE.
WHY YOU LITTLE BRAT!
LOOK WHO'S TALKING YOU
SO THESE TWO ARE BITTER ENEMIES
KENICHI'S ROOM
ONE ADDICTED TO DRUGS
AND THE OTHER TO CLOCK-WORK TOYS
HMM.
TAP TAP TAP

CRY! YOU BUTTE! BANRI!
BUT NOT! HE'S A PIECE OF JUNK THAT'S WHY HE BROKE AWAY
WHAT IS THAT ALL ABOUT I WONDER?
HA HA!
IT'S JUST THEIR WAY OF BONDING
I CAN'T BELIEVE HOW LUCKY I WAS FINDING A WORKING COMPUTER IN A DUMPSTER
IT'S JUST WHAT I NEEDED FOR THIS ASSIGN MENT
BUT
ISN'T THAT STRANGE?
WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE IT WAS DOING THERE?
IT'S MASTER MUST BE WORRIED
SOME ONE THREW IT OUT
BELL
THAT'S WHY

EH?!
THEY KEEP CHURNING OUT NEW MODELS
BUT YOU'RE RIGHT. I WONDER WHY IT HAS TO BE THAT WAY?
SO EVERYONE DUMPS THEIR OLD STUFF EVERY COUPLE OF YEARS
IF THIS COMPUTER IS WITH US NOW
IT MUST HAVE BEEN MEANT TO COME LIVE WITH US KEIICHI
THEN
THE POOR THING MUST BE SO HAPPY TO BE HERE!
UH SURE WHATEVER

OOPS!
BEEEP
PAPER JAM
I'LL GET THAT FOR-
AH!
UH HA HA!
JUST LIKE IN A C. COMIC BOOK HUH?
WHY DOES SHE MAKE ME FEEL THIS WAY?

IT IT'S JUST A HAND...
SHR HR
BOMF
NO!!!
OOPS SORRY ABOUT THAT
OH NO! MY NEW PRINTER!!

DARN IT SKULD! IF YOU TWO ARE GOING TO FIGHT DO IT OUTSIDE!
WE ARE DOING IT OUT SIDE!
RRG
HEY SO WHAT HAPPENED?!
KEIICHI PICKED UP MY BOMB!
HAH! WHAT A DOPE NORMAL PEOPLE DON'T DO DUMB THINGS LIKE THAT
BELLDANDY AND KEIICHI'S ROMANCE HYPERDRIVE LEVEL
OH RIGHT NOW COME IT'S ALWAYS MY FAULT?!
HEH HEH IT IS JUST BEGINNING.
KNOW THE POWER OF KODAMA -
SHAK
AHHGH
CASTLE URD
NG.
PRG
--MISTRESS OF CONFUSION!

WHAT IN THE
WHAT HAPPENED ?!
MY DELUXE SECRET POTION "KISS OF THE VIRGIN" WAS ALMOST READY !
HEH HEH HEH
WHO IS THAT?!
HA HA HA!
IT WAS I WHO DESTROYED YOUR PRECIOUS POTION!!
IT'S NOTHING BUT TROUBLE!
IT'S BETTER FOR THE WORLD THIS WAY!

MAYBE THIS HAS BEEN "GOOD MEDICINE" FOR YOU, URD!
KODAMA NEON LIGHT IMPLOSION SCREEN!
SPANK
MYAHAHAHA!
SKULD
SKULD LABS
WHA--?
NO WAY
I SMASHED THEM ALL TO SCRAP!
FOR YOUR OWN GOOD!
OH NO NOT MY HIGH-SPEED SUBTERRA NEAN TRANSPORTER UNIT
DRILLER MOLE NUMBER ONE?!
HO HO HO!!

AFTER ALL, IT WOULDN'T BE HEALTHY FOR YOU TO KEEP RELYING ON ALL THOSE MACHINES
KODAMA MASTER TECHNIQUE THE CURTAIN OF ROSES!
NYA HA HA HA!!
HEY!!
FWOOOSH
PMPPPB
HO HO HO
UHD.
THIS TIME YOU'VE REALLY PISSED ME OFF KID!
I MAY NOT BE ABLE TO HOLD BACK!
YOU KEEP ACTING ALL PURE AND INNOCENT AND I'LL HAVE TO STAMP "EOOL" ON YOUR FACE AGAIN!!

WHY YOU LITTLE!
LIGHTNING HEED THE CALL OF URD!
SKULD BOMB BARRAGE!
WHAM WHAM SLAM
HEH HEH
A NINJA MASTER VERSUS TWO AMATEURS - NO CONTEST!
NOW ON TO MY NEXT TARGET
BUT FIRST
I'M A LITTLE SMALL FOR THIS SO

WHAMBB
YOW!
WHAT IS IT NOW?
ZRAKK WHABOOM
YEESH
HELLO BABY
WHOA! WHA...?!
heh, heh

WHO THE HECK ARE YOU?!
I AM ONE COME TO BRING YOU JOY
I AM THE FOURTH GODDESS
YESSS
COME TO ME
I
HEH, HEH
NOW, DON'T BE SHY BABY~

MY MASTER !?
HEY !
HOW COME YOU'RE SO WEIRD LOOKING?!
HUH?
CURSES! YOU BROKE MY HYPNOSIS!
ARE YOU A NINJA, TOO?!
ARE YOU AN IDIOT?! SEEING A "SUPER DEFORMED" LITTLE GNOME LIKE YOU WOULD WAKE UP ANYONE!
KEIICHI! I BROUGHT YOU SOME TEA
AH?
AH!
AH

HMM SOONER THAN I EXPECTED BUT I CAN WORK WITH IT
BELL DANDY! AS YOU CAN SEE, KEICHI HAS LEFT YOU FOR THE PLEASURES OF THE FLESH!
YOUR PURE, CHILDISH LOVE FANTASY IS FINISHED!
IT'S OVER BELL DANDY!
GACK!
HE DOESN'T WANT YOU ANY-MORE!
SKSSH
HOW--
HOW COULD YOU?!
MUST I LEAVE YOU, KEICHI?!
PLEASE TELL ME IT ISN'T TRUE!
OF COURSE IT'S NOT TRUE! THAT I do WELL. EVERYTHING IS A LIE!

OH THANK GOOD NESS
BECAUSE I DECIDED
BACK WHEN I STARTED LIVING WITH KEIICHI HERE ON EARTH
COULDN'T YOU BE A TINY BIT MORE SKEPTICAL?! WHY DO YOU ALWAYS BELIEVE EVERYTHING HE TELLS YOU?!
I DECIDED TO ALWAYS BELIEVE HIM NO MATTER WHAT HE SAID
EVEN EVEN IF HE WAS LYING SO LONG AS HE NEVER SAID "FAREWELL."
I ALWAYS BELIEVE MY DEAR KEIICHI

heh
WHAP
HAH! DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH!
IT MAKES ME ILL LISTENING TO YOUR SUGAR SAPPY DIALOGUE
BUT REGARDLESS, I HAVE FAILED IN MY MISSION
IE I RETURN TO MY MASTER THUS I SHALL SURELY PERISH

"MASTER"? YOU MEAN MARA RIGHT?
WHAT?!
HOW- HOW COULD YOU KNOW THAT?!
!!
C'MON- MARA'S THE ONLY NUTCASE WHO WOULD DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS
IF YOU KNOW SO MUCH, THEN YOU LEAVE ME NO CHOICE
YEEOW!!

I MUST DIE!!
THIS KODAMA BOMB MIGHT BE SMALL BUT IT CAN FLATTEN EVERYTHING FOR A LEAGUE AROUND! RUN FOOLS!
KSHHH
TOO BAD. I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE WATCHED THE NEXT EPISODE
KSHHH
ack!
oop!

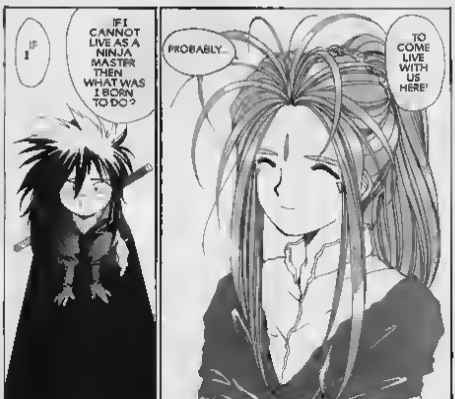
STOP! YOU FOOL! YOU'LL BE BLOWN TO PIECES!
HAH?!
B BUT WHY DO I CARE ?

HUH ?
WHA ?
I PROJECTED A SHIELD AROUND YOUR BOMB AND CONTAINED THE EXPLOSION
NOW TELL ME
WHY DO YOU DO THINGS LIKE THAT ?

IN THE NAME OF A GODDESS FIRST CLASS I COMMAND THEE!
THOU SHALT NOT THROW AWAY YOUR LIFE IN VAIN!
ALL CREATURES BORN INTO THIS WORLD ARE INVESTED WITH THE RIGHT TO LIVE
AND WITH A DUTY JUST AS WEIGHTY TO LIVE THEIR LIVES TO THE END!

I

I OBEY THEE MISTRESS!!
AND YET...
BORN FROM DARKNESS DYING IN DARKNESS THAT IS THE FATE OF ALL NINJA! IF I AM BOUND TO THE COMMAND OF LIGHT I CAN NO LONGER LIVE IN THIS WORLD AS A NINJA MASTER


IF I
IF I CANNOT LIVE AS A NINJA MASTER THEN WHAT WAS I BORN TO DO?
PROBABLY...
TO COME LIVE WITH US HERE!

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